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BRIEFS

Fall Career Day planned

This year's Fall Career Day is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Lamkin Activity Center.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with employers offering full-time employment, internships and graduate schools.

For more information contact Career Services at 562-1250.

**Nodaway Chorale Fall
 Concert tickets available**

Fall concert tickets now available.

Tickets are now available for the 2007 Nodaway Chorale Fall Concert Nov. 4 at St. Gregory Bar-B-Q in Maryville.

Patrons can purchase tickets at the Bookstop at 220 N. Main St. or from any Chorale member. General tickets sell for \$10, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for students with ID and free to children 12 and under.

The concert will feature the music of Johannes Brahms and will feature guest performances by Dong-Hyuk Lee and Joo-Hee Park of Kansas City, Mo., Sheila Phillips of Maryville and Daniel Baker of Kansas City, Mo.

CALENDAR

Today

Midterm Exams

Safe Driving barbecue, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bell Tower.

Agricultural Department Fall Career Development Events

Jazz Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

Late Night at the Union: Spa Night, 9 p.m.

Friday

Midterm Exams

First block ends

Soccer at Washburn, 7 p.m.

Peacocks and This Property is Condemned, 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Saturday

Fall Green and White Day

Football vs. Central, 1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Pittsburg State, 5 p.m.

Sunday

Geo Club Rock and Book Sale

French movie, "Les Poupees Russes (The Russian Dolls)" 6 p.m., Wells Hall 141

Monday

Second block begins

Third installment due

Midterm deficiency grades due to Registrar's Office by 10 a.m.

Geo Club Rock and Book Sale

Tuesday

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Last date to add or enroll in a second-block course

Wednesday

Fall Career Day

Geo Club Rock and Book Sale

Last date to get 100% refund for dropped second-block courses

Distinguished Lecture Jeffrey Toobin, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Thursday

Career Services Interview Day

Geo Club Rock and Book Sale

MOSAIC Kick Off/Speak Out, 4 p.m., 2nd floor of J.W. Jones Student Union

SAC: Recycled Percussion, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

Late Night at the Union: Movie Night, 10 p.m.

WEB EXCLUSIVES

Student Senate coordinates Blood Drive on campus.

Footage covering a mock dorm fire. Learn what precautions to take when faced with a dangerous situation.

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BOBBY BEARCAT LOGO

Athletic officials respond to logo outcry

By Evan Young
 Managing Editor

Nearly a week after word got out about the eventual removal of the cartoon Bobby Bearcat logo from Northwest athletic promotions and paraphernalia, the athletic department felt some clarification was needed on the issue.

Athletics Director Bob Boerigter and Athletic Marketing Promotions and Licensing Director Morris White, appeared at Tuesday evening's Student Senate meeting to clear up misconceptions and answer questions about the decision.

Boerigter began the presentation by acknowledging the feedback, positive and

negative, he had received on the decision—one the athletic department didn't expect would be a big deal, Boerigter said.

"It doesn't make a difference if the issues are large or small; people care," he said.

However, he stressed at several points during the presentation the decision to emphasize the "N" paw logo and make the caricature secondary was made five years ago by a task force that included students.

"We're reporting to you tonight what's already in place," Boerigter said.

Not long after the *Missourian* reported on the decision last week, students, alumni and community members began protesting

it through Facebook groups; a Web site, Savebobby.com; a petition at Saturday's Fall Classic VI at Arrowhead Stadium; among other means.

A lot of the criticism has been directed at White, Boerigter said. He asked the audience to direct any "frustrations" with the decision to him, not White, because the latter was not on staff when the issue was first discussed.

Regarding Saturday's petition, Boerigter said several people who signed came up to him later and said they didn't mean to sign, because they did so thinking Bobby Bearcat, mascot and all, was being phased out.

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ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES



(far left) PARA ROACH, (above) Hinder and Jeff Dunham are brought to campus with the fees that are part of the Student Activities Council. Students pay \$70 per year for the SAC fee.

Student Activities Council budget goes under scrutiny for first time

By Lindsay Jacobs
 University News Editor

Two campus groups are working together to ensure students' money is spent wisely.

For the first time, the Student Activities Council, which imposes a \$35 activity fee on students every fall and spring trimesters presented its budget to Student Senate, Oct. 2.

However, by the end of the night, the senate did not approve the budget and the matter was forwarded to the Student Affairs Committee.

The senate is supposed to look over

SAC's budget as one of its duties, said Student Affairs Committee Chair Andrea Garcia.

SAC has a different opinion on how the review came to be.

Last year during by-law revisions a SAC member suggested adding a clause to show SAC's budget to the senate, SAC President Kelli Farris said.

There were a lot of rough estimates in the presentation which would have made it hard for the senate to approve, Drury said.

"If there are not numbers for us to vote on or to discuss as a Senate it's hard to say 'yes' when it's to be determined,"

Drury said. "We (the senate) obviously represent the students, and I think if students found out that we backed something and we don't know where the money's going then there would be repercussions against us."

The reason for sending the matter to committee is to make sure the senate feels comfortable backing SAC's budget.

"I think the biggest premise for referring it to committee is to show yes, we do want to pass this budget, we do want to work with you all (SAC)...because...the budget obviously isn't ready for us to put

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FEDERAL COURT

First week ends in Montgomery trial

By Sean Comer
 Community News Editor

The first week of Lisa Montgomery's federal kidnapping-and-murder trial rehearsed Bobbie Jo Stinnett's murder through several sets of eyes.

The prosecution has charged Montgomery with murdering Bobbie Jo Stinnett, cutting an 8-month-old fetus from Stinnett's womb and transporting it across state lines to Montgomery's home in Melvern, Kan., in December 2004.

Ex-husband Carl Boman had previously threatened to expose Montgomery's repeated lies about being pregnant to a judge who would revoke Montgomery's entitlement to child support, said lead prosecutor Matt Whitworth.

Montgomery then took newborn Victoria Jo Stinnett home to Melvern, Kan., and paraded her around town as her own child.

Lead defense attorney Frederick Duchardt never attempted to contest whether or not Montgomery had killed Bobbie Jo. He only contested the question of "Why?" He maintained that Montgomery feared losing child support and custody of her four children with ex-husband Carl Boman.

Duchardt's statement also detailed Montgomery's extensive suffering of emotional abuse at the hands of her mother and sexual abuse at the hands of her stepfather. As a result, Montgomery suffered years of untreated post-traumatic stress disorder.

"She was building her life on this very unstable foundation," Duchardt said.

Duchardt's statement emphasized that the onset of pseudocyesis — a somatoform disorder in which a woman's mind tricks the body into believing it is pregnant — continued to wear at Montgomery's sanity.

The disorder can manifest in the form of swollen breasts and a swollen abdomen.

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

CNN legal analyst Toobin set to speak on politics, media

By Katie Charczuk
 Missourian Reporter

He won a 2000 Emmy Award at ABC News over his coverage of Elian Gonzales custody battle.

Jeffrey Toobin continues Northwest's Distinguished Lecture series at 8 p.m., Wednesday, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Toobin will speak about analyzing politics, media and the law. He is an unbiased, analytic expert in American law, politics and procedure, according to Ctnspeakers.com. Greater Talent Network, Inc. is a corporation representing speakers from the worlds of business, technology, entertainment, literature and sports.

It is Toobin's living to bring legal topics "down to the level an average student will understand," said Daniel Smith, history, humanities, philosophy and political science assistant professor.

Interim Campus Activities Director Angel McAdams Prescott is excited to see Toobin speak on the topics relevant to today's society.

Toobin is a CNN legal analyst and *The New Yorker* staff writer. He is a critically acclaimed author on

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MOSAIC STUFF

MOSAIC honors multiculturalism

By Shane Sherwood
 Chief Reporter

A painting, right? Not this MOSAIC.

Annual festivities for the Midwest Organization of Students Advancing Interculturalism begin Thursday, Oct. 18, and will run until Saturday, Oct. 20. The theme of this year's MOSAIC is "Rising Up and Reaching Out." Showcasing cultures from around the world, MOSAIC will feature art competitions, performances and numerous workshops supporting interculturalism.

Student Activities Council and the Intercultural International Center will sponsor the event. SAC and the IIC will help each other for the MOSAIC to assist students organizations commit to celebrating diversity and promoting multiculturalism.

Any student, multicultural organization, coalition and/or representative at Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri universities may attend MOSAIC 2007.

MOSAIC has three purposes, said Minority Affairs Director Ame Lambert.

"On the basic level, the MOSAIC brings minority organizations and international organizations together," Lambert said. "The MOSAIC is an opportunity to celebrate all cultures."

The main goal of the program is to help create bonds with the University.

"MOSAIC also builds bridges between the IIC and the rest of the University," Lambert said.

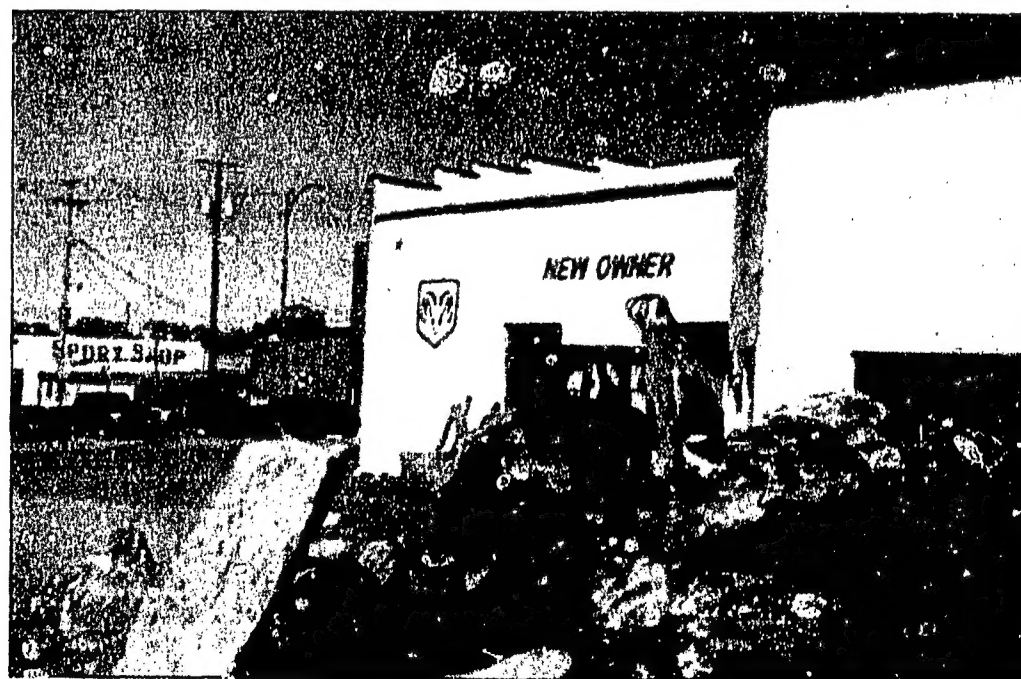
Speakers at the event will include Bonnie St. John, a 1984 Paralympics silver medalist and Rasheed-Ali Cromwell of the Hartford Institute.

The \$10 registration fee for students and the \$20 registration fee for any adviser or community member allow the person into every event MOSAIC has to offer.

MOSAIC kicks off at 4 p.m., Oct. 18, with a debate and forum. Workshops, competitions and entertainment take place on Oct. 19 and Oct. 20.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



CONSTRUCTION CREWS working at the site of the former White Dodge car dealership are attending to decontaminated soil, according to Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker. The state of Missouri is assisting in the project.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student Ambassador applications due

Applications for Student Ambassadors are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 at the Mabel Cook Admissions and Visitors Center.

Interviews are set for Monday, Oct. 22.

For more information, contact Jeremy Waldeier at jeremyw@nwmissouri.edu.

Berger to perform during guest concert

Pianist Reena Berger will perform a guest concert at 8 p.m., Tuesday, in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Berger is the head of the piano department at Pittsburgh State University. The concert will feature music by Beethoven, Chopin and other composers.

The concert is sponsored by Northwest's College of Art and Sciences and the music department.

Two plays are set to appear in 'black box'

Theatre Northwest will hold two short plays at 7:30 p.m., Friday, in the "black box" theater.

The plays are part of the Studio Theatre series and are "Peacocks," directed by Assistant Professor Patrick Immler and "This Property is Condemned," directed by student Callie Poore.

The "black box" is located on the lower level of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$5.

Wellness center to host flu shot clinic

The University Wellness center is offering influenza vaccines to faculty, staff and students.

The walk-in clinic will be open Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Wellness Center; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the Station; and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Those who are unable to attend the clinics should contact the Wellness Center 562-1348 to schedule an appointment.

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Powwow celebrates traditions of American Indian heritage

By Kelsi Jo Franklin
Missourian Reporter

A student does not expect to find intertribal dancing, Indian tacos and American Indian regalia when walking into Bearcat Arena on a Saturday afternoon. However, these cultural traditions and many more can be found there at the fourth annual Northwest Powwow.

Curriculum and Instruction Chair Barbara Crossland helped initiate and begin this event four years ago. Crossland joined forces with retired Cherokee Nation chief principal, Wilma Mankiller, to plan the powwow.

"Our goal was to share our heritage with friends and neighbors," Crossland said. "We wanted to bring a very unique experience to the community."

The event keeps growing each year with people attending from all across the United States, said Crossland. This year the head dancers are from Washington State and Oklahoma.

Competitive dances will be performed

throughout the day. The entertainment varies from the men performing high-energy grass dancing to the women's noisy jingle dress. The competition levels begin with "tiny tots," under the age of 7 and continue up to the level of the "golden age," 55 and older.

Traditional food and cultural vendors will be available throughout the entirety of the event. The event's concession stand serves American Indian dishes: fry bread, Indian tacos, meat pies and prairie dogs.

The free event is sponsored by the University's Intercultural and International Center and Campus Activities Office.

Minority Affairs Director Ame Lambert said she was looking forward to a large attendance this year. The atmosphere of the powwow is relaxed and open. This enables attendees to come and go at their will.

The powwow takes place, Saturday, Oct. 20, in Bearcat Arena. From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the teens and juniors will perform. Following will be the men and women's competitions from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.



TRADITIONAL DANCES will take the floor at the fourth annual Powwow held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at Bearcat Arena. Attendees can view cultural items from various vendors and taste traditional foods.

WELLNESS CENTER

Screening day will evaluate participants' mental health

By Netta Hall
Missourian Reporter

For many students, going to college is a big adjustment and most don't think about suffering from depression.

Northwest's National Depression Screening Day is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Participants fill out a form of general questions about their behaviors and feelings. The forms are then reviewed and discussed individually in a private room with a professional counselor from the Counseling Center.

The participant is then given advice and/or treatment depending on the circumstances and severity of depression or anxiety, Northwest counselor Kersten White said.

Last year approximately 300 students participated in Northwest's annual depression screening day, Student Affairs Associate

Vice President Jackie Elliot said. There were many students that had to hurry to class and could not wait for their screening, White said. There will be an additional counselor this year to accommodate more participants, White said. There will also be information pamphlets available in the screening room.

The signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety include loss of sleep or gain of appetite, disrupted sleep patterns, lack of interest, suicidal thoughts and increased stress levels, White said.

Stress is a major cause of depression, Elliot said. Tests, classes and keeping up with technology contribute to stress and can eventually cause depression, Elliot said.

There are many other factors that can cause depression and anxiety, White said. Relationship problems, doing badly on a test and being away from family people and surroundings are just a few examples, White said.

"People should realize that depression and anxiety affects everyone at some point in their lives," White said. "It's so much easier to deal with it if you have support. That's why we're here." College is a major adjustment for many students, Elliot said. "I strongly encourage students to take advantage of National Depression Screening Day," Elliot said. "It's a great opportunity for them to find out about their own health and wellness."

NORTHWEST ADVOCATES FOR ANIMAL AWARENESS

Friday Night Cat Fight to aid animals

By Lisa Houtchens
Missourian Reporter

They are all around the station, Garrett-Strong and parking lots. While walking around campus people may have noticed a few of them.

These furry little animals are none other than cats, to be more specific, feral cats. These cats are usually abandoned or just lost; they will make their home anywhere. Under the Station, the creek behind Garrett-Strong and even sewer drains.

The Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness are lending a hand to make these campus guests healthier.

The NWAAA is hosting a Friday Night Cat Fight at 7 p.m., Friday, in J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom to raise money for these felines. The money raised from this fund-raiser will be used to take the felines to the vet to get them spayed, neutered, vaccinated and to take care of them if they need special treatment.

"We really need money \$20 to \$50 dollars every time we take a cat to the vet," Sponsor Kristina Martinez said.

Senior Christina Keller climbed under the station last week to retrieve five kittens which joined around 30 other campus cats.

"It's one of those situations we have five more kittens, these five kittens are gonna grow up we are gonna have five more cats here, can our little eco system here support them?" Keller said.

Only women are able to fight each other, but are allowed to have an entourage, trainer and corner coach.

The cost to sign up a team is \$10 and admission to be a spectator is \$1, Martinez said.

"We have five signed up teams so far, we are working on getting some more, actually working on getting possibly a professor fighting a professor," Keller said.

Winners will receive prizes. The champion will win a Cat Fight Title belt, and runner ups will receive other prizes.

Anyone interested in signing up or want more information can contact NWaaa07@nwmissouri.edu. There is also a Facebook event posted for Friday Night Cat Fight.

MOCK DORM ROOM FIRE

Presentation fans flames of fire safety

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Within five minutes it could all be gone. Bright yellow and orange burst through the windows. The sound of shattering glass pierces the sky.

A small residence hall room, which measured 10 by 14 feet, caught on fire last Thursday. It was just a fire simulation proving a residence hall room could catch fire and burn completely within five minutes. Fire safety is a serious subject that is important to Northwest.

"The University stresses fire safety," Health and Safety Manager Scott Walk said. "We just want our students to be safe."

The fire started in a trash can by a small flame. This represented a cigarette not put out properly. Within two minutes the room was in flames.

An airsoft can exploded, making some of the audience members watching the event gasp.

"All it did was make a loud sound. I only put that in there for effect," Walk said. "Everyone was like 'wow.'"

One should never go back for items, Walk said.

"Our main message in the event of a fire is to get yourself out and to safety," Walk said.

The simulated residence hall room took three and a half weeks to reconstruct. It was built last year and reused this year.

According to the Northwest Residential Life Web site, smok-

ing in the rooms is prohibited. Halogen lamps are also prohibited as they can overheat and burst to cause an open flame. Candles or any candle paraphernalia are also not allowed in the rooms. Unlit candles with wicks are highly flammable.

The University does not stress fire safety more than others, Campus Safety Director Clarence Green said.

"I think the University stresses fire safety as much as any other safety," Green said.

A safety plan should be known for any emergency, even in case of a fire.

"Everyone should have a fire safety plan," Green said. "Have a plan for when a fire occurs and an evacuation."

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COMMUNITY

WEATHERIZING

Heating costs expected to rise; weatherizing important

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Winter comes but once a year, so grab those coats, gloves and scarves to wear inside the home. Heating prices will increase one again this winter season.

The price of propane could rise up to 30 percent. Electric heating could rise up to 7 percent, Tom May, the marketing director for MFA Propane and Oil Company.

Bob McKeon, an Aquila spokesman said, the average household will pay \$992 in heating costs this winter. This price increased \$84, or 7 percent, from last winter.

A record \$1,834 for the winter shows a natural gas increase of 5 percent from last winter, Ameren Utilities Corporation representative Mike Cleary said.

May said propane costs about

\$1,732 to heat a home in Missouri, increasing \$384 since last winter. Consumers that rely on electricity for heat will pay an average of \$883, increasing \$58.

"Prices are currently higher than last year, but 30 percent is what is projected for the winter," May said.

Natural gas provides the cheapest way of heating out of the major fuels, averaging \$881 to heat a home this winter, increasing \$50 since last winter, Cleary said.

Locally, homeowners worry about paying their winter heating bills.

"The price increase is going to be nasty," local homeowner Margaret Whedon said. "I guess I'll keep my house at 60 degrees and wearing a lot of sweaters."

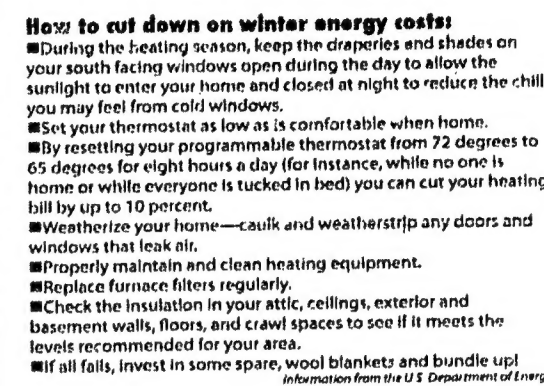
One way to keep the home warm while beating heat prices

is weatherizing. McKeon said weatherizing should be at the top of everyone's to do lists. Weatherizing a home could save between 10 and 50 percent in price. Caulking the windows, and ideas in helping conserve heat, will help keep the prices down.

Lowering a home's temperature by five and 10 degrees can reduce the heating bill by up to 20 percent, McKeon said. Using space heaters can help save money. Some inexpensive space heaters have tested well in a Consumer Reports evaluation.

Insulating a home can save hundreds of dollars a year. Within two years, insulation can pay for itself, McKeon said.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, roughly 80 percent of older homes don't have proper insulation.



Insulating hot water pipes and reducing the temperature of water from 130 degrees to 120 degrees can save an annual amount of 5 percent on energy bills.

Switching from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs can save a person \$30 over the bulb's

life. This could mean an average \$1,000 savings over the bulb's life because homeowners wouldn't need to purchase as many bulbs.

McKeon said some home heating oil providers offer a prepay program, which will lock in the current rate.

DREAM INITIATIVE

Maryville gets first taste of DREAM

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

Maryville community leaders and Missouri officials ushered in the next era of Maryville's economic development, Wednesday.

City and county leaders met for the first time with representatives of the Missouri Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) initiative. The DREAM representatives made stops in each 2007 DREAM city, gaining initial perspectives on each city's present situation.

"This is an exciting time, I believe, for the city of Maryville and Nodaway County," City Manager Matt LeClerc said. "Everybody here really works as a partnership, and the collaboration and leadership really sets us apart from any community you'll visit."

The DREAM designation carries with it up to three years of priority State assistance in technical assistance and planning, historic preservation, infrastructure improvement, housing development and exterior renovation, and additional trainings. Maryville will also receive assistance in accessing upwards of \$30 million in financial assistance for development.

LeClerc's initial presentation highlighted Maryville's accomplishments in recent years, addressed areas targeted for improvement and acknowledged obstacles to further growth. LeClerc noted that Maryville's downtown revitalization plans have been, above all else, "community driven."

Measures such as the downtown streetscape project and the advent of

an \$25,000 revolving loan fund to assist downtown businesses with exterior improvements played an important role in Maryville's growth, LeClerc said.

He also stressed the value of the Nodaway County Courthouse as a "centerpiece" to downtown Maryville and the importance of city and county government's presence downtown.

"If the government's not downtown then why should the businesses be downtown?" LeClerc said. "As a governmental entity, I believe we have to show that we support downtown in order for others to support downtown as well."

Maryville's downtown revitalization plans lack a unified vision, LeClerc said. The community's progress could be impeded by what he called "barbershop skeptics" who may not fully understand the city's plans.

"There's always going to be those individuals sitting at the barbershop saying 'I can't believe they're doing this, revitalizing downtown... it's not gonna work, it's never gonna work,'" LeClerc said. "All we can do is try to prove them wrong. I go into the barbershop and it's almost like I conduct my own town hall meeting."

On a walking tour through the heart of downtown Maryville, LeClerc continued to highlight Maryville's bright spots and call attention to the areas already calling for attention. The state delegation took note of the houses along Market Street dating back to the first half of the 1900s — among them is LeClerc's own which is several blocks from City Hall.

As the tour wound down Buch-

anan Street, LeClerc accentuated positives and highlighted needs for improvements. He noted that the building currently housing the World Famous Outback was once a power station. Nodaway County Commissioner Bob Westfall quipped that locals jokingly called The Palms "The Old Buchanan Street Library" by locals.

However, in the same several blocks, LeClerc also called attention to the need for a stronger code enforcement body addressing houses and structures in disrepair. State officials took note of vacant lots and commercial buildings dotting the intersection of Fourth and Buchanan, which LeClerc called a "gateway to the University" that needs to be presentable.

"I think instituting an architectural review process for the community and property owners... on building and design issues is a good first step," Project Coordinator Brian Pratt said.

Meanwhile, LeClerc noted that public parking presents another issue.

"We have a lot of public parking," LeClerc said, reiterating a point from his earlier presentation. "But again, if it's not where I want to go, I'm not going to park."

Pratt expressed his admiration for what Maryville has accomplished and stressed the DREAM initiative's role in unifying the city's goals.

"Perhaps what we can bring to the process of establishing a unified vision is providing technical assistance to the community, but the vision needs to be a community-driven vision and not a vision identified by the DREAM initiative," Pratt said.

PLAYIN' THE BLUES



NORTHWEST SENIOR Wade Howels plays tenor saxophone for the Sharp 5 Quintet. The Quintet plays Thursday evenings at Carson's Sports Grille.

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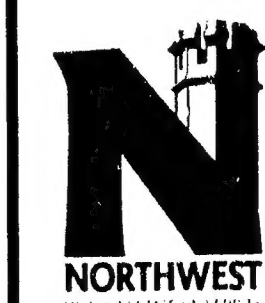
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In response to comments and rumors concerning the "Bye Bye Bobby Bearcat" article that appeared in last week's Northwest Missourian, the newspaper stands behind its article and its reporters.

As mentioned in the first three paragraphs of the article, the logo of cartoon Bobby Bearcat is being phased out, the "N" enclosed in the Bearcat paw is becoming the primary logo for Northwest, and the Bobby Bearcat mascot will still appear at Northwest events and athletic games.

To hear the full, unedited interviews with Athletic Director Bob Boerigter and Athletic Marketing, Promotions and Licensing Director Morris White check out Nwmissourianews.com.

All questions or comments for the Northwest Missourian can be directed to Northwestmissourian@hotmail.com or 562-1224.

OUR VIEW

In Bobby case: students talk, who will listen?

As students who pay to be members of a university, often times we feel that we own a piece of the campus, that we pay for more than just a piece of paper saying we've done enough work to be granted a degree.

Students are passionate about what happens at their university, and one decided to look no further than Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting to see that. Athletic Director Bob Boerigter and Athletic Marketing, Promotions and Licensing Director Morris White spoke Tuesday with students and senators over the recent news that the Bobby Bearcat cartoon logo has been, and will continue to be, phased out in favor of photographs of the mascot or the Northwest paw print logo.

In last week's Missourian we said that as a paper, we were sad to see the logo go, but it has served the University in varying forms for a good 91 years.

In no way could we, or the administration, have predicted the student reaction that followed the article and the Our View that ran last week. Students and alumni reacted by forming Facebook groups and at least one Web site, by commenting on D2 message boards and by leaving at least 20 comments on the Missourian Web site (as of press time).

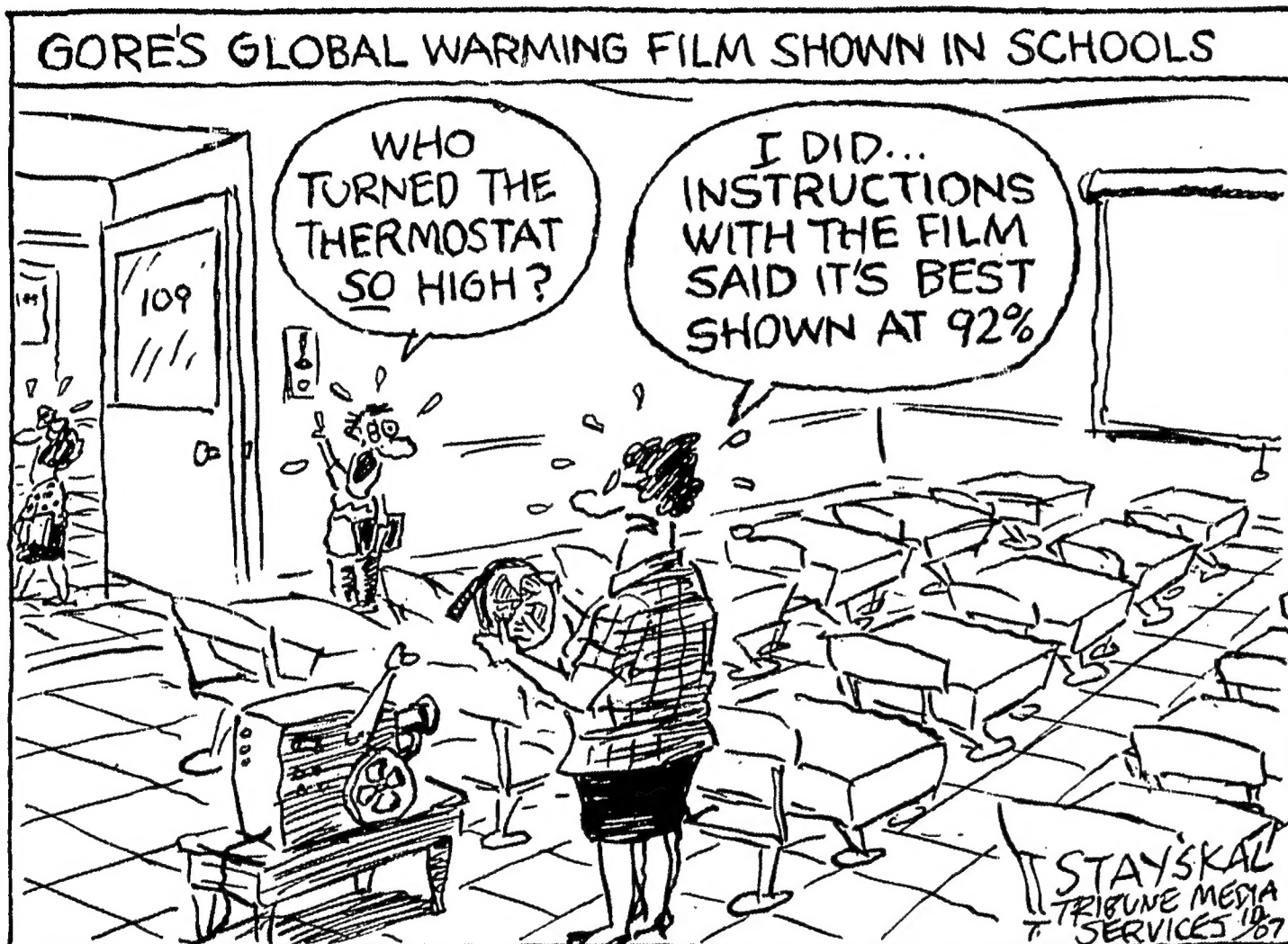
Tuesday Boerigter and White addressed student concerns with trademark issues and over the phasing out of the cartoon. It seems that although this was decided with student input five years ago, at least a portion of the current student body is not happy with this decision.

What was disheartening for the Missourian to see were certain senators standing up and voicing their opinions during the discussion. Senators, you represent constituents. As the governing body, and the only organization Boerigter and White are willing to work with in this situation, your job is to represent what the student body decides as a whole—not your personal opinion. Maybe you've already talked to members of the student body, but our guess, based on the 2,000-and-some-odd members of the Facebook group, "Bobby Stays or We Go," says that maybe you need to look a little harder for the student body opinion. Especially considering approximately one-third of the student body belongs to this group.

That being said, students, if you feel strongly about cartoon Bobby being phased-out, you need to stand up and let your senators know. They can't represent you if you don't talk to them. Boerigter and White made it clear during the meeting that on this issue they will only work with Student Senate. If you want something done, you need to talk to your representative or come to a meeting and be heard.

Students, alumni and community members, the Missourian is also always willing to run letters to the editor. We only have room for a certain amount of web comments to run each week in the paper, so if you want something published, e-mail us at Northwestmissourian@hotmail.com.

To contact members of Student Senate you can call the Campus Activities Office at 562-1218. Also, senators' e-mail addresses are listed online at Nwmissouri.edu/studentaffairs/ssenate/contact.htm.



MY VIEW

U.S. leaders must fight against global warming

In response to the ever-expanding debate on climate change, the United Nations conference in late September offered several reports, including scientific data, to increase world involvement stinging human effects on global warming.

Previous efforts to reduce greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide emissions, included the United Nations Kyoto Protocol, which assigns mandatory limitations on emissions to those who have ratified the protocol and expires in 2012.

Although the United States has never ratified the Kyoto Protocol, President Bush is still searching for a consensus between the world's top emitters without relying upon a mandatory agreement.

Even though Bush was not involved

for the majority of the U.N. global warming talks, he did create his own gathering in Washington that would eventually allow countries, such as the United States, China, India, Indonesia and Brazil, to set up their own climate change policies, rather than relying on binding treaties such as the Kyoto Protocol and make a decision as to what policies are best for each country.

Another way the United States has stepped up a notch on the climate change issue is with the Senate legislation to include goals that significantly reduce emissions by 2050 by the promotion of energy efficiency and also renewable energy sources.

Countries around the world are showing this view of environmental-friendly practices. A current example of this is Germany's company Conergy, which is looking into building the largest

windmill on Australian soil to the response of the federal clean energy goal. The blueprint includes 500 turbines in New South Wales. The project aims to produce over four percent of the electricity demand in that state.

As shown with other countries' usage of alternative energy, it is possible, and likely to significantly reduce greenhouse gases by the use of other energy sources, rather than the reliance on fossil fuels alone, as well as Bush's proposed plan to lower trade tariffs for products that directly reduce emissions.

There are several methods to reach the end result of cleaner energy. However, I firmly believe that the United States has to be the country to step up and take these actions, as we are now, because we are one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases.

We have to be the ones to set the example that something does need to change, regardless if we join a treaty or do so by our own means.



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

MY VIEW

Sullivan should provide ideas with criticism

Andrew Sullivan recently visited Northwest as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. Sullivan is a self-proclaimed conservative who is an open homosexual. He lectured on the true principles of conservatism and how they have been lost by the Bush administration.

Sullivan's main point was that a conservative should always doubt and that blind faith can be the greatest threat to democracy and freedom. He criticized President Bush for doing too much based on faith and not really questioning his own actions.

Sullivan spent the night warning of the risks of having blind faith in your religion, blind faith in your government and blind faith in your foreign policy. Having been an initial supporter of the war in Iraq, Sullivan now finds it to be a great blunder by this administration.



Sarah York, Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

Questioning and critical thinking is great. However, rather than simply saying what is wrong with everything else's idea, Sullivan could have made much better use of our time by having some type of proposal for resolving the current issue in Iraq. The question right now is not whether or not going into Iraq was a mistake. The pressing question is how do we get out of there with

minimal loss of life and some type of viable government. But no one, Republican or Democrat, has really laid forth any plan.

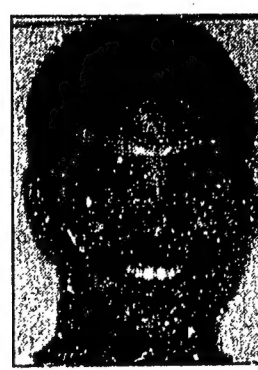
We do know it is not realistic to call for an immediate withdrawal. At the most recent Democratic presidential debate most of the candidates admitted an immediate pullout was not practical. Sen. Joe Biden has said we should divide Iraq into three parts based on the three ethnic groups. If you don't like Biden's idea rather than simply criticize it, offer an alternative. At least he has an idea!

Critics are not the bold and critics have never moved this country forward. Critics are simply musicians that can't sing, chefs that couldn't cook and actors that couldn't act. If they were that good they would be sharing their talents, not critiquing others.

Maybe it is time for Andrew Sullivan to offer some solutions and stick his neck out there, but then again that might require him showing some faith, in himself.



"I don't think that it's fair to say that the SAC doesn't deserve \$70 from us. Even though the concert did blow, they still offer cool prizes for poker and something else to do on a Thursday night,"
James Balestrero
Deciding



"I do think the \$70 is worth the activities we get,"
Ashley Townsend
Pre-Nursing



"Although I do appreciate SAC bringing entertainment... I think that for \$70 the students should have more of a voice. Take the Hinder concert last year, we did get to take a vote on who came, but we were only given three choices, and if you didn't like any of them, you still pay the \$70 and you had to buy a ticket after that,"
Zachary Quist
Public Administration, Criminal Justice

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In response to "Bye Bye Bobby Bearcat" Val posted 10/05/07

I am very upset with this decision. Although the mascot will still be present at athletic events (which is great), there are lots of people that go to this school and do not pay a lick of attention to the sports teams.

School spirit is more than cheering on your team; it is about having a deep passion and pride for your school, and I believe that the mascot goes along with that pride. I am proud to be a Bearcat, but this doesn't make me excited to come back in future years and see Bobby absent from all campus life.

I am at least thankful that a photo will at least be used for promotional purposes, but being a designer, I think that many issues are going to come up in the future when students, alumni, fans, etc want Bearcat Apparel.

We are the BEARCATS! We want to see a BEARCAT on our clothes! Photographs do not work on T-shirts; they look sloppy and you cannot adapt them to different situations (such as homecoming).

This means that the school will not be having any Bearcat themed apparel. The paw print is great, but what fun does that suggest? It looks professional, but can't we still use that on business situations and keep Bobby for the student fun? It makes me extremely upset to see something that has been such a huge part of my life for four years getting flushed down the drain without a care. We love you, Bobby Bearcat!

Steve posted 10/05/07

Moving away from the "Walking Bobby Bearcat" is truly a disappointment to me as an alum.

My 12 year old son, a true Bearcat fan just walked in the room and saw me reading the article online. He is really disappointed. It makes no sense to dismiss such a historic and recognizable logo. I agree with many of the other posters that the "Walking Bobby" is much better than the "N Paw." I think using the two logos for Northwest was just fine.

Let's see... I think LSU and Nebraska should change their classic football helmets along with Alabama and Michigan if they use the same logic that Northwest marketing folks are using. That would really be progressive.

I'm still missing the "The Walking Bobby" that was on the J.W. Jones Student Union prior to the renovation. I'll bet "J.W. Bearcat" as he was known, is spinning in his grave right now on this current decision to toss the "Classic Bobby" aside.

Faiz posted 10/08/07

I am among the international students who came to Northwest to become a part of the Bearcat family. As stated by all the people above, it is absolutely absurd to think of removing Bobby Bearcat.

I can't imagine Northwest without the Bearcat logo. I even have the logo on my work laptop! Once a Bearcat...always a BEARCAT!

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 21
■ Erik B. Romig, 26, Maryville, possession of drug paraphernalia, 400 N. Buchanan

Oct. 5
■ Jani L. Bird, 31, Parnell, WOW, failure to appear, 400 N. Market

■ Larceny, vehicle parts, 400 W. Seventh

■ Child molestation, ongoing investigation

Oct. 6
■ Jesse J. Stinnett, 26, Maryville, simple assault, 700 E. Third

Oct. 7
■ Property damage, vehicle, 700 E. Fourth

■ Towed vehicle, white Taurus, 400 W. Fourth

ACCIDENTS
Sept. 24
■ Rose M. Funderburk, 64, Maryville, collided with Elizz E. Wohlford, Maryville, at the intersection of Edwards and Mulberry when Funderburk failed to yield right-of-way

Sept. 28
■ Keenan J. Kunkel, 18, Maryville, collided with Gary L. Carmichael, 62, Maryville, at the intersection of E. South Avenue and Main

■ Dylan J. Hurst, 23, Maryville, collided with Robert S. Johnston, 38, Chillicothe, at the intersection of Fourth and Main

■ Whitney P. Wallace, 16, Maryville, collided with Dylan B. Miller, 21, Grant City, at the intersection of Lieber and Main. Wallace was cited for careless and imprudent driving

Oct. 1
■ Jamie L. Smith, 28, Bolckow, collided with Jared J. Renfro, 22, Maryville, at the intersection of Edwards and Market when Smith failed to stop at a "Stop" sign

Oct. 3
■ Larceny, stove and refrigerator, 1300 E. Second

Oct. 4
■ Stanlaus M. Mutua, 25, Blue Springs, DWI second, driving while suspended, failure to maintain right of way roadway, display plates of another, 100 W. Fifth

■ Gregory J. Long, 22, Maryville, sale of alcohol to a minor, 1500 N. Main

■ Amy L. Fisher, 25, Maryville, sale of alcohol to a minor, 200 N. Main

■ Donna M. Stegall, 45, Elmo, sale of alcohol to a minor, 1200 S. Main

■ An unknown driver collided with Katherine J. Deme-wood, Burlington Junction, at 3100 block of E. First

Oct. 6
■ Amanda R. Montez, 21, Maryville, collided with Hannah E. Wallace, 18, Maryville, at the intersection of Seventh and Buchanan when Wallace failed to stop at a "Stop" sign

Births
Landon James Parman, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born Oct. 4, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. He is the son of Virgil Parman of Grant City, Mo., and Wendy Mooney of Hopkins, Mo.

His maternal grandparents are Joe and Deb Pace of Bedford, Iowa, and Jim Mooney of Hopkins. His fraternal grandparents are J.C. and Becky Parman of Grant City and Larry and Linda Marsh of Albany, Mo.

He has one sister, Payton Parman.

Burl Jones Ruch, 79, of Albany, Mo., died Oct. 6, 2007, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mo.

He was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Gentry, Mo., to Herschel and Lola (Jones) Ruch.

He married Mary Frances Jennings on Sept. 13, 1958, in Gentry.

Ruch was a construction worker and a veteran, having served in the army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, John Leland, Kenneth, Herschel and Rex Ruch; and one sister, Gladys Deen.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruch of Albany; sister Uva Melbourn of St. Joseph; and several nieces and nephews.

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Burial was at the National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kan.

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BOBBY: Logo usage must be approved

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Bobby the mascot is "alive and well" and is here to stay, he said. There was also some miscommunication regarding Bobby's presence in this year's homecoming. Contrary to hearsay, student organizations can use Bobby Bearcat in their parade and other homecoming activities, as long as they don't use the old Drury said.

In addition to the paw, the athletic department will opt for live photos of the mascot and the new "We see green" bearcat eyes design to replace the old Bobby cartoon on billboards and other athletic marketing campaigns, Boerigter said.

Both Boerigter and White stood by their original argument for phasing out the caricature: more people associate the "N" paw with Bearcat athletics and doing so ends any confusion as to which is the primary University athletic logo.

However, several meeting attendees, including junior Nic Brent, questioned the athletic department's judgment on the decision.

"I just feel like (the Bobby

logo) has been such a big part of our tradition, and I don't understand why suddenly there's such a need to get rid of it," Brent said.

Involving students in the initial decision five years ago doesn't necessarily justify its relevance today because those students aren't here now and don't represent the current classes' opinions, Brent said.

Overall, Brent wasn't satisfied with the answers Boerigter and White gave to his questions Tuesday night.

"It appears to me they don't want to listen to students," he said. "I feel like they kind of brushed off our questions quite blatantly."

Boerigter and White attempted to clear up confusion over the licensing of both the "N" paw and the Bobby cartoon to other businesses and organizations. After establishing the two as primary and secondary logos several years ago, the athletic department sought to have them copyrighted.

This was done to help the athletic department control and monitor who uses the logos and, in some cases, profit off of the use of them, Boerigter said.

However, taking into consideration the athletic department's decision to phase out the old bearcat caricature, neither White nor Boerigter indicated the likelihood of any design using the old logo getting approved.

The men did indicate they would listen to and consider ideas from the senate, including the possibility of a redesign contest for the Bobby cartoon and an official petition to bring back the old design.

Drury said the senate is brainstorming ways to get informed opinions from Northwest students on the logo situation. One possibility is to include questions about the matter on a general student survey some point later this year, he said.

Licensing policies for the University athletics logos are available on Nwmissouri.edu/sports/licensing.htm.

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CNN: New book on sale

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the New York Times Best Sellers List, according to *Ginspeakers.com*. His books are written with the force of fictional legal thrillers, but include news-making disclosures, according to *Ginspeakers.com*.

Smith was hoping Toobin would speak about his new book, "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court."

He is not coming here to promote his book, but he might mention it in his lecture, Prescott said. His book will be on sale before and

after his lecture in the PAC lobby. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Faculty and student may meet Toobin at 4 p.m. before the lecture in the Mel Carnahan Reading Room at the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Toobin graduated from Harvard and Harvard Law School, where he was an editor for the Harvard Law Review.

"I think it's great to bring in these nationally known authors and CNN news analysts. It's a great opportunity for us to have folks of this caliber on our campus," Prescott said.

MOSAIC: Open to public

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The event comes to close at 7 p.m., Oct. 20, with an "Old School Party." The party celebrates the 1970s, 80s and the 90s. Students who plan to attend the event like the idea of the MOSAIC and what it will bring to the University. "It's a good way for people to

support their background and their culture," said freshman Jared Boyle.

While this is the second year the University is putting on MOSAIC, Lambert has no doubts about how it will turn out.

"There is no way to know until people come," Lambert said. "People just need to get up and come."

SAC: Organization wants to offer enjoyable programs

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our name on it as a student senate and which in turn represents all students," Drury said.

The process helped SAC, Farris said.

"I think it was beneficial because there were a lot of questions raised that SAC needed to look at as well as Student Senate as well, and a lot of questions were answered, from I think both sides," Farris said.

Garcia thinks of this as a bylaw clean up to get rid of gray areas, she said.

"It's by no means I think auditing every line item out I think it's getting a broad picture of more of a strategic plan on the spending," Garcia said.

There were restaurant and pizza charges; if SAC was taking talent out to eat there it would be all right, but if they weren't it would be a gray area, Garcia said.

"We just want to be really sure that...any student can look at what SAC is spending their money on (on) and be like 'I'm fine with that,'" Garcia said.

Part of SAC's budget uses student funds to attend a conference, but the senate questioned how many representatives SAC sends.

The bylaws don't specifically state anything about conferences, Garcia said.

There was \$4,397.90, including airfare spent to for seven SAC members to attend the National Association of Campus Activities last year.

During their time at the conference Farris said representatives worked long hours and attended sessions to learn about leadership and get previews of entertainment they can book.

"Here's an opportunity for us to sort of test-drive a lot of the entertainment so we know that what we're bringing in really is appropriate use of the fees and something that students would enjoy that kind of entertainment," said Campus Activities Interim Director Angel McAdams Prescott.

After talking with some students Farris has found they don't mind roughly \$2 from their \$35 a trimester paying for SAC to go on

hearing some concerns at the senate meeting, Farris said. The campus has a right to question SAC's processes, Farris said.

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MONTGOMERY: Trial expected to last 3 weeks, prosecution seeking death penalty

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"The important thing to understand... is that it's a false belief," Duchardt said. "The person believes it's true. The mind deludes the body, which deludes the mind further."

It all came to a head with the events of Dec. 16, 2004, Duchardt said.

"Lisa went after the puppy and something horrible went after that," Duchardt said.

"Lisa was not getting the money from Carl," Duchardt said. "That was part of the problem. Inside her, the need for a baby was crying and everywhere, it was being stripped away from her."

Bobbie Jo's husband, Zeb Stinnett, took the stand first for the prosecution. He detailed the last time he saw his wife alive: she had just pushed him out of bed to get him to work when Zeb reminded her about the woman coming to talk about breeding one of their dogs later. Bobbie Jo said she'd remembered, Zeb said.

The woman turned out to be Lisa Mont-

gomery.

Stinnett sat silently for a moment when Whitworth asked whether he had told now 3-year-old Victoria Jo what had happened to her mother.

"No," he answered.

Becky Harper, Bobbie Jo's mother, took the stand next. Harper said she called around 2:30 p.m. the afternoon of Dec. 16 to remind Bobbie Jo to pick her up at her job at Casey's General Store at 3:30. Bobbie Jo told her she and the other woman were still talking about puppies.

When Bobbie Jo didn't arrive, Harper walked to Bobbie Jo's house. Harper then described how she found her daughter.

"There was blood everywhere and she was laying on the floor," Harper said. "It looked like she exploded all over that room."

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey arrived shortly after Harper's 911 call around 3 p.m. Espey said he performed CPR as best he could until the ambulance arrived.

"The first thing I noticed was that her stomach had been jaggedly cut open," Espey said. "I didn't know Bobbie Jo had been pregnant."

Nodaway County Deputy Sheriff Steve Whittington said Montgomery's alias alone made him suspicious. Information had reached him regarding a woman named "Darlene Fischer" from Fairfax, Mo., having Internet contact with Stinnett.

"I'm from Fairfax myself," Whittington said. "I'd never heard of a Darlene Fischer. Another officer and I proceeded to Fairfax and asked some people who'd lived there all their lives and they'd never heard of a Darlene Fischer."

Nodaway County 911 coordinator Melissa Coffelt assisted with managing calls to the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department after Stinnett's murder on Dec. 16. She received a call the next day from a woman identifying herself as Patsy Hughes.

She claimed to be caring for Montgomery's child. However, Montgomery had ini-

tially claimed to be pregnant with twins.

Richard Holman, OB-GYN at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, was called to the emergency room the night of Dec. 16 to work on Stinnett. He also recognized Stinnett from treating her three times the previous November. He attested to Stinnett's likely weakened state when Montgomery attacked her.

"Being pregnant tends to throw off your balance," Holman said. "You're not as quick, as agile as you'd normally be."

Mary Case, chief medical examiner for St. Louis County, revealed Friday that Stinnett likely survived having the fetus cut from her, based on autopsy photos of Stinnett's blood-soaked feet. The blood could have only come from a cut in Stinnett's abdomen, Case said.

"This indicates she stepped in blood," Case said. "To step in blood she would have to be conscious."

Tuesday, Kevin Montgomery, Lisa's husband, testified that Lisa did not want him to accompany her to doctor's visits during any of her alleged pregnancies. On the day in

question, Lisa told Kevin she had gone into labor while shopping.

Previously, she had even shown Kevin a sonogram. The prosecution previously presented evidence that Montgomery had forged a phony sonogram from one she had downloaded off the Internet.

Darla Ailey, a Dennison, Texas, dog-breeder, testified she'd met Montgomery at an October 2004 dog show. At the time, Lisa had claimed to be pregnant with twins.

"She didn't look pregnant and certainly not with twins," Ailey said.

Lori Colwell, Boman's wife, took the stand and testified that Montgomery had claimed to be pregnant at least three times. Colwell said she responded, "Here we go again," when Montgomery claimed to be pregnant again in 2004.

The trial is expected to last three to four weeks, until the end of October. The prosecution will seek the death penalty if the jury finds Montgomery guilty of kidnapping resulting in murder.

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Regional rankings released

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The Southwest regional rankings are out, and Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma isn't giving it much thought.

"It's nice to be in there," Tjeerdsma said. "But it doesn't mean anything until the last one."

No. 9 Northwest (4-1, 4-0 MIAA) is ranked No. 3 in the Southwest region. West Texas A&M is at No. 2, while Chadron State is ranked No. 1. Mesa State, Midwestern State and Tarleton State round out the fourth,

fifth and sixth spots, respectively. The top six in the regional poll at the end of the regular season advance to the Division II playoffs.

"I think we're in good position. That is something you do look at a little bit," Tjeerdsma said.

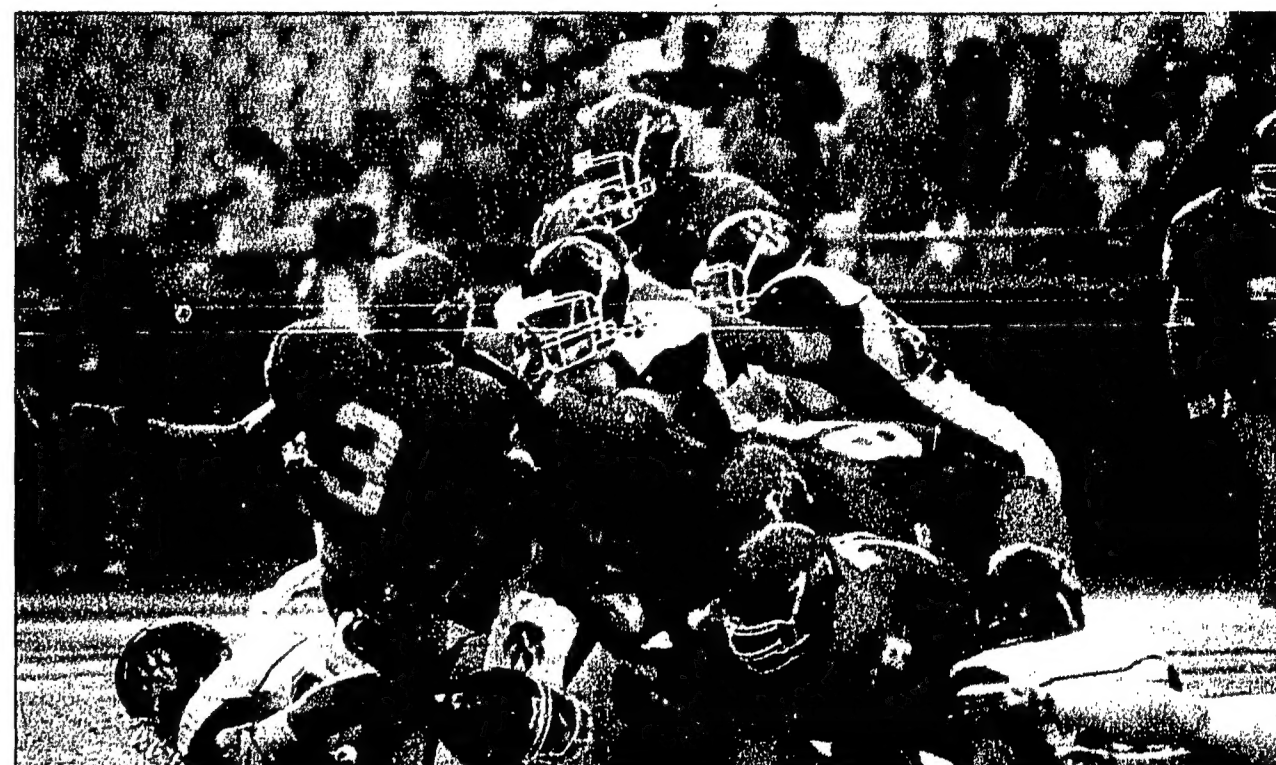
Central Missouri (4-2, 3-1 MIAA) is on the outside looking in at No. 11 and faces Northwest Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. Northwest won 31-14 last year in Warrensburg.

"We just know we're going to have our hands full. They always play us well. Especially here," Tjeerdsma said, speaking of North-

west's 10-point homecoming win in 2005. "It's a big game. It's like Pitt. You know you're going to get your best shot."

Central handled Emporia State, 38-7 last week, while Northwest escaped Arrowhead Stadium with a 37-34 overtime win against Pittsburg State. Xavier Omon rushed for a career high 274 yards and tied his career-high with five touchdowns, earning him MIAA Offensive Player of the Week.

The Northwest defense, ranked See **RANKINGS** on B6



THE NORTHWEST DEFENSE attempts to stuff Pittsburg State running back Caleb Farabi from reaching the end zone. The touchdown counted, tying the game at 31 points apiece, before Northwest claimed the victory 37-34 in overtime.

MHS SOFTBALL

18-win season falls short of 'Hounds' goal

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

After a senior-led team managed only eight wins in 2006, Maryville softball coach Jacqui Conn faced a potential rebuilding year.

But, behind Megan Walker's right arm, Jordan Cadbois' leadership, and the immediate impact of five freshmen, the Spoofhounds turned a rebuilding year into an 18-win success story.

While the ride to the state playoffs ended two games early, Conn saw her young team surprise many this season.

"They did a very good job and they came together and they did more than I think most people expected of them," Conn said.

Benton, who went on to lose to Chillicothe in the district finals, ended top-seeded Maryville's (18-5) season 3-0, Oct. 4. The Cardinals put the runs on the board quickly and shut out the 'Hounds for the first time all season.

"We hadn't done that (all season)," sophomore left fielder Emily Kisker said. "That was probably one of our worst games all year and it just happened to be one of our last ones, which really sucks that it had to end that way because we worked hard all year."

Conn saw her team undergo pressure to perform as they were the top seed.

"Sometimes you really do only have one chance and when it comes down to districts, that's really when it counts," she said. "It doesn't matter how good of a record you have, your record doesn't get you all the way through. I think towards the end, there was a lot of pressure on those girls because we had been successful."

"Some girls put pressure on themselves and there's pressure from parents and families and then also just people at school who really wanted the girls to do well. They didn't want to let anybody down and that last game came and it was just like, 'oh my gosh, what if we lose,' and we did."

Prior to the district loss, Maryville spent its season proving the competition wrong, winning all but two of its conference games and each of their three tournaments. Walker, who won the majority of the 'Hounds' games, transferred from Worth County High School and provided consistent production in the center of a youthful defense.

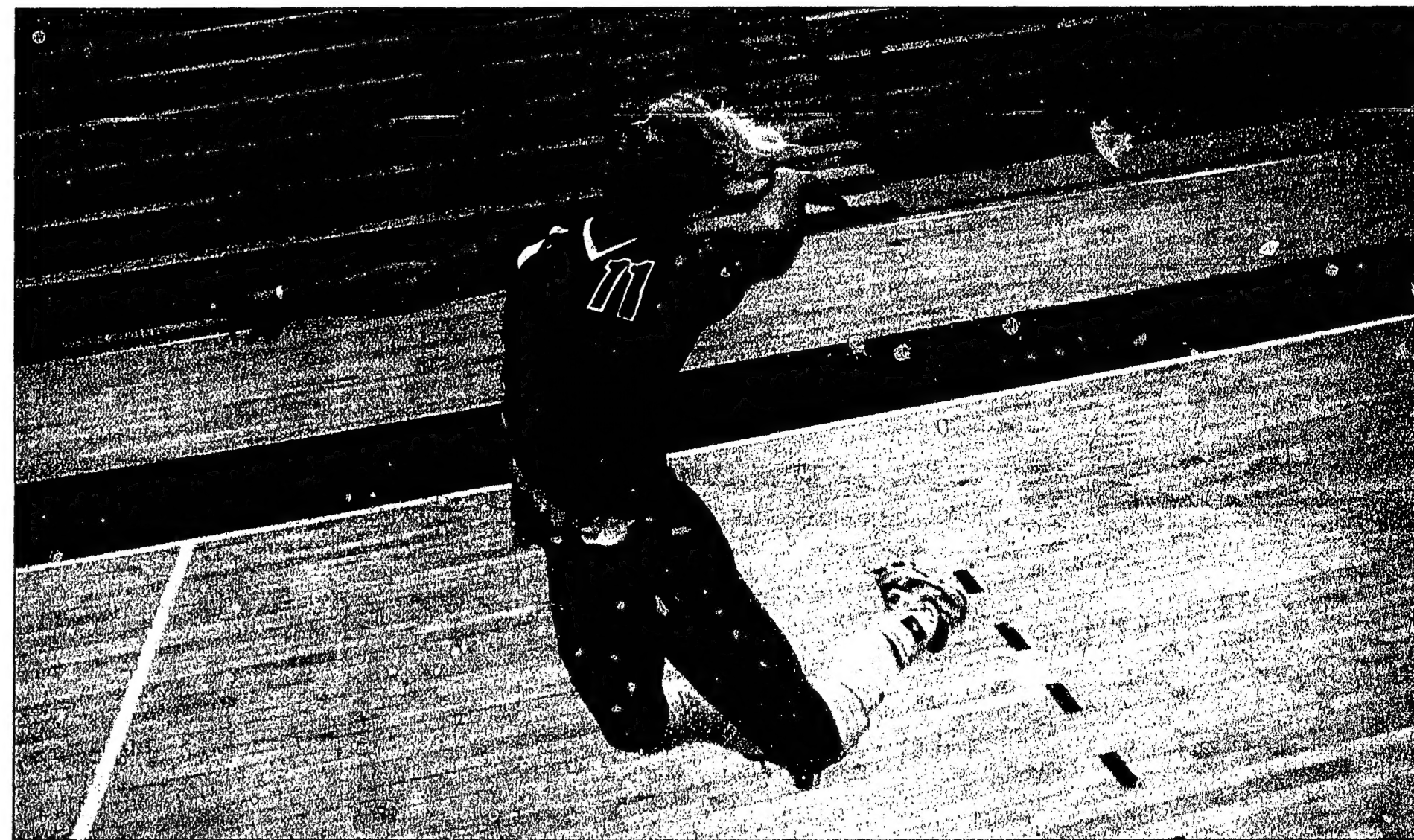
"You don't see emotion out there," she said. "She never gets discouraged when there's errors around her, she just keeps throwing hard and it's good to have that kind of rock in the middle of the field that everyone can lean on."

The junior pitched a no-hitter and had multiple double-digit strikeout games this season.

With pitching rarely an issue, the Maryville lineup, which featured seven underclassmen, performed like seasoned veterans under pressure.

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LICENSE TO KILL



AFTER TRANSFERING from the University of Iowa, outside hitter Alicia Johnson has helped the Bearcats to a 15-12 record. Johnson leads the team in kills and aces in her first year, and hopes to help build the 'Cats into a Top-25 program. Her older sister Carrie played at Northwest as well and encouraged her to transfer to Northwest.

Outside hitter rekindles lost love for volleyball

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

When Alicia Johnson steps on the volleyball court, she's hard to miss. As Northwest coach Anna Tool said she's the blondest blond in the room.

Platinum blond hair sits in a mess atop her head like an explosion of light. Her equally light smile leaves her, only for a moment, as she skies toward a ball before smashing it ferociously at an opponent. Even before reaching the ground, the switch flips, and the smile is back, showing a love for volleyball that has been blooming for over a decade.

That love got her where she is today. It kept her in the gym. It kept her in the weight room. And it brought her to Northwest after the roughest period in her athletic career.

The tag-along For Johnson, a 19-year-old sophomore, the road

to Northwest began in the gyms of northeastern Iowa in the shadows of her older sister—Carrie and Heather.

"She was always sort of a tag-along," Carrie said. "It's been really great to see her become such a great volleyball player after being so annoying really."

Alicia's tag along nature brought her to high school volleyball three years after when she became the manager of Carrie's state championship team in sixth grade, former Tripoli High School coach Teresa Kehe said.

Kehe watched Alicia grow up and is still a close friend.

"She's one of those kids who's very competitive and always trying to do her best," Kehe said. "When she would go to club tournaments with her sisters, she always wanted to mix it up and pepper with the others."



OUTSIDE HITTER Alicia Johnson celebrates with her teammates after the Bearcats upset Nebraska-Omaha, Sept. 19. Nebraska-Omaha was ranked 18th nationally at the time.

As she got older, Alicia began to walk out of her

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MHS FOOTBALL



RUNNING BACK Adam Mattson stiff-arms a Platte County defensive lineman Travis Cash on his way to a 25-yard touchdown run. Mattson has scored at least two touchdowns in every game this season.

Only Savannah stands in way of title

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

Last week, the No. 4 Maryville football team vanquished what many thought was the conference's best team.

Next week, the Spoofhounds face No. 1 Lawson in their biggest game of the regular season.

Sandwiched in between those titans is a Savannah squad that has been outscored by 103 points during its five-game losing streak.

Should the 'Hounds win Friday, they will claim the MEC title for the first time in three years and likely set up their second undefeated showdown in three weeks.

Coach Chris Holt realizes his team could be looking past a weaker opponent

and ahead to the much-anticipated district battle, so he's simply eliminated it from discussion until after the game.

"Well we've talked about not trying to have another Cameron night and make sure that we stay focused and not look ahead," he said. "We kind of agreed that we're not going to mention that other team (Lawson) this week. So we're thinking by taking that type of approach, by not talking about them or thinking about it, maybe we'll be a little more prepared."

Savannah (1-5, 0-3 MEC), whose lone win came over Ruskin, is far removed from the team that dualed with Maryville last season. That squad only fell 7-3 to the 'Hounds, a score which is not likely to repeat itself with the changes the Savages endured.

"They had such a late change with their coaching situation," Holt said. "Their coach left basically in June and they hired from within. I think they've had some turmoil with the new system and just the different people in charge. Just seems like they haven't really gotten things together."

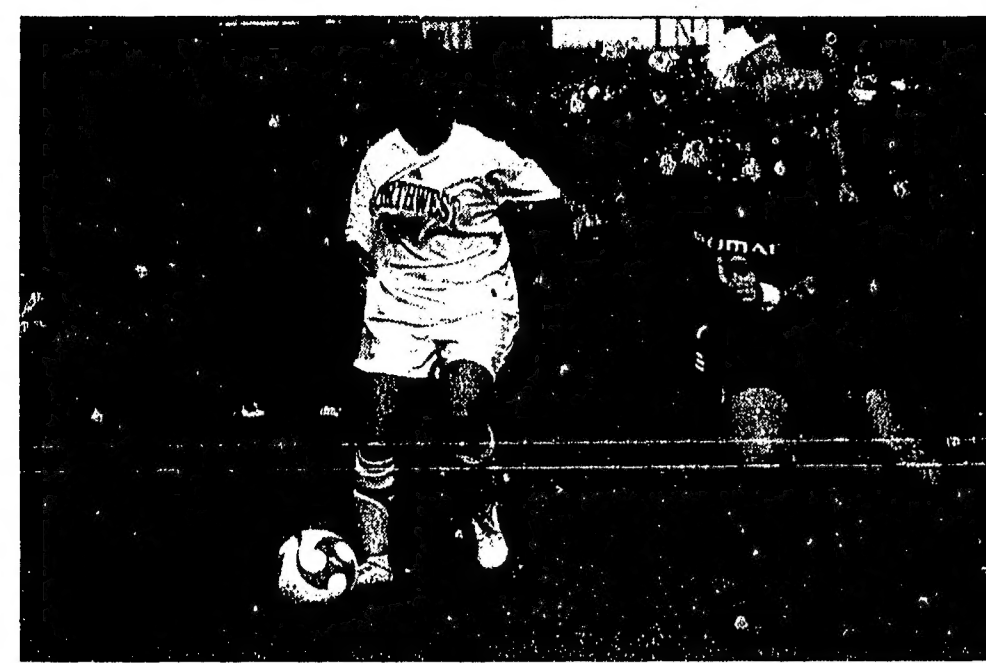
Junior cornerback Derek Johns views this Friday's game as a bit of a lull in the schedule with big games surrounding it.

"It's a little bit of a break," Johns said. "No team's a break (but) since they don't have as good of a record, and they're not as big, they're just kind of having a down year so it's a little bit of a relief."

While undergoing a change in coaching, the Savages now primarily run the

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NW SOCCER



MIDFIELDER BRITTANY CASH pushes past a Truman State defender Sunday at Bearcat Pitch. Northwest had 10 shots in the 3-0 loss to the Bulldogs.

Window for conference tournament closing fast

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The first MIAA conference soccer tournament is less than a month away, and Northwest has a lot of work to do.

Northwest (3-9, 2-6 MIAA) lost Sunday, 3-0 to Truman State, leaving the Bearcats four games behind Washburn, who currently holds the fourth and final spot with Missouri Southern one-half game back. The tournament runs Nov. 3-4.

"At this point, we don't know whether or not it is," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said, when asked if reaching the tournament is still an attainable goal. "It is unless a lot of teams start knocking each other off."

Northwest plays two of its next four games against teams (Washburn, Southwestern Baptist) who would earn a berth if the tournament started today. Northwest plays Washburn Friday in Topeka, Kan. The Lady Blues shut out the Bearcats, 2-0, at Bearcat Pitch on Sept. 22 and are coming off a 2-1 loss to Metro State as they begin a two-game home stand.

"We want to deny Washburn an opportunity to get easy goals. We've got to close them down," Hoza said.

Northwest has winnable games against Emporia State and Missouri Western, but means nothing if the Bearcats can't knock off upper-tier MIAA opponents. Since Northwest's 2-1 loss to then No. 6 Central Missouri on Sept. 29, Northwest has been outscored 5-0 in two games against Truman State, who sit second in the conference.

"I think we've been playing very good in the first part of the half, but then breaking down later," defender Krista Obley said. "We need to work on keeping our focus in the game and try to get more on the attack. We play a lot of defense it seems like. We need to get our attack going."

Sunday, the Bulldogs pounded out three goals in the first half from Bulldog reserves. All goals came in the 33rd, 40th and 45th minutes, respectively. Northwest had 10 shots with only three shots on goal. Andrea Freeman, Holly Ramacker and Amanda Deml each had a shot on goal to lead Northwest.

Obley isn't thinking much about the conference tournament at this point.

"Right now, we want to focus on getting better every game," Obley said. "Our goal is to make it to the conference playoffs, so we're not going to give up on that."

NW CROSS COUNTRY

Runners have strong finish in Tennessee

By Robert Wallace
Missourian Reporter

Northwest men's cross country coach Richard Alsop is expecting better performances out of his team and he got just that Saturday at the Brooks Memorial Twilight Classic.

One of those guys that stepped up is Ben Chappell, who finished 44th out of 341 runners with a time of 25:54.51. Chappell has finished first for Northwest in four straight meets and was named MIAA Runner of the Week for his efforts.

"They have already made an impact," Alsop said, speaking about Chappell, Herman Geraru and David Franz, who helped Northwest to a 16th place team finish out of 42 schools. Alsop said he thought Northwest could've finished in the Top-10 had Brandon Dart not left with shin splints. Dart had been battling the injury the last couple of weeks.

The women competed in the same meet, finishing eighth out of 41 teams, including Division I North Texas, East-

ern Illinois, Memphis and St. Louis.

"We fared well, it was definitely our best performance of the year," Lork said.

Anna O'Brien finished 19th with a personal best time of 18:44.51, while her teammate, Karah Spader, came in 20th with a personal best of 18:50.33.

"It was a mental breakthrough for me," Spader said. "It has been really hard for me that last mile... this time I really pushed through passing girls through the middle and towards the end."

Spader also said she was impressed with performances of the freshmen, including Madison Marshman, who finished 94th with a time of 28:01.34.

"The freshmen have exceeded my expectations with some of the running on varsity," Spader said.

Lork said his team is closer to being a top-tier team.

"We're kind of knocking on the door to be a nationally ranked team, but we're not there yet," Lork said.

Both teams have a short layoff before competing in the MIAA championships Oct. 6, in Kirksville, Mo.

NW TENNIS

Tournament awaits Vucenov

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Kristina Vucenov is ready for another challenge.

After completing her goal of making the ITA National Tennis Tournament, Vucenov must deliver the fourth seed in Division II, Elvira Li, from BYU-Hawaii, today at 8:30 a.m.

"I just have to play my best and realize to push myself to get a win," Vucenov said. "In tournaments, you don't focus on down the road. You focus on the current match."

Losing one set during the entire ITA Regional tournament highlighted Vucenov's victory in advancing to the national tournament. Vucenov swept her way through the semifinal and final rounds.

Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell said Vucenov must be ready

for the nation's best competition.

"I hope she can play as well as she can," Rosewell said. "She's been practicing hard and she seems ready to play."

Seven other Division II competitors join Vucenov at the tournament in Mobile, Ala. Suzana Cavalcante, of West Florida, is the tournament's top seed. Vucenov would most likely meet Cavalcante in the sound round if she defeats Li.

Johanna Dahlback, of Armstrong Atlantic State, is the tournament's second seed.

"I have a lot of experience with tournaments," Vucenov said. "I like competing in these and the challenge of it."

Three other divisions compete at the tournament. Division III, NAIA and Junior College join Division II at the tournament. The winner of each division will face each other in a final four format.

NW VOLLEYBALL

Back and forth match ends in frustration

By Marcus Meade
Ast. Sports Editor

Momentum was snatched from the Bearcat volleyball team as it dropped the game that would have given it a victory against No. 21 Emporia State.

The Cats lost a heart-breaking match to Emporia 3-2, Tuesday, after leading 2-1. "I think we thought they were going to give it to us, and they didn't," outside hitter Rachel Nisi said.

The loss snapped a four game winning streak, the longest of the season for the Cats.

The match started well for Northwest as it rallied back and forth with the Hornets before pulling away to a 30-20 victory.

Things went south in game four when

Emporia started on a 6-1 run and eventually stretched the lead to 17-7.

"There were a few times where I think we were in a afraid-to-make mistakes mode," Northwest coach Anna Tool said.

Early in the match, the Cats were aggressive on defense and attacking, Tool said. That led to their two game victories.

Middle hitter Amy Bohnker was the biggest part of Northwest's defense posting three and a half blocks. Bohnker added 12 kills while Nisi lead in kills with 20.

"I guess it's good to know that we're right there with them," Bohnker said. "Sometimes losses are as good as wins. They just hurt more."

Northwest will attempt to recover from this loss before facing No. 11 Pitts-

burg State Saturday.

Pitt State is coming off an upset victory over No. 9 Central Missouri.

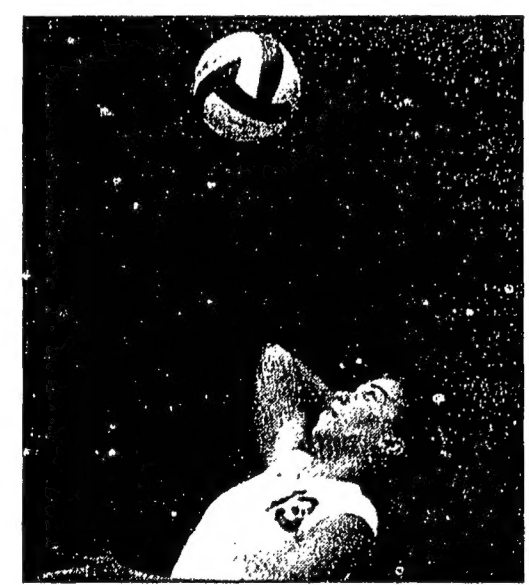
"Pitt State is going to be a step above these guys," Bohnker said. "It was a good medium step up to Pitt State."

Tool was frustrated by the loss, but also said the team can learn from it.

"I think it just reinforces how sharp we have to be and how aggressive we have to be throughout the match," Tool said.

Fans attending the Emporia game received a bonus in the form of a free pink T-shirt. The promotion was done to raise awareness during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Shirts were given to the first 200 in attendance.

The match against the Gorillas will take place at 5 p.m., Saturday, at Bearcat Arena.



LIBERO PAIGE SPANGENBERG serves during the Bearcats' 3-2 loss to Emporia, Tuesday. Spangenberg leads the team in digs with 452.

BEARCATS

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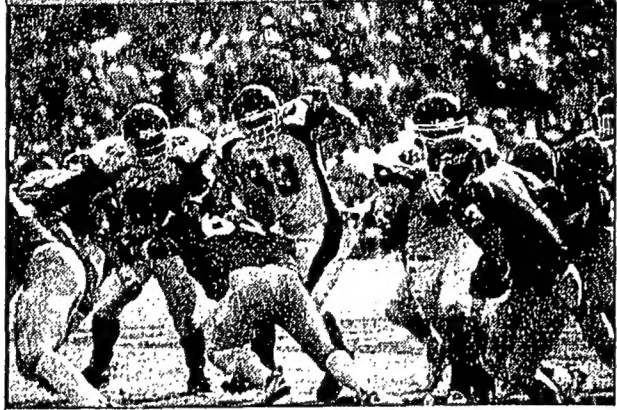


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TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	Pittsburgh
451	361
69	80
4-36.2	4-37.5
9-69	7-40
2-1	1-1
140	89
2-14	1-5
13-25-1	9-15-1
311	272
44	65
7.1	4.2
20	22
13	14
7	6
4-12	9-18
2-2	1-1

PLAYER STATISTICS



TERRY BILBRO (left), T.J. Kaatman (center) and Jared Espamer (right) break through the line in pursuit of Pittsburg State running back Caleb Forabi during the Fall Classic VI.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Xavier Omon	34	277	3	274	5	63	8.1
Sheldon Cook	9	46	1	45	0	13	5.0
Kendall Wright	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Mike Peterson	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Josh Mathews	1	0	5	-5	0	-5.0	
Totals...	44	319	8	311	5	63	7.1

Passing	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Josh Mathews	14-7-1			88	0	30	1
Joel Osborn	11-6-0			52	0	35	0
Totals...	25-13-1			140	0	35	1

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Josh Gannan	3	49	0	35
E.J. Falkner	3	1	0	4
Kendall Wright	2	54	0	30
Mike Peterson	2	18	0	12
Abu Qasid	1	13	0	13
Xavier Omon	1	3	0	3
Paris Elam	1	2	0	2
Totals...	13	140	0	35

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In 20
Michael Stadler	4	145	36.2	44	0
Totals...	4	145	36.2	44	0

Defense	T-A	Sack	Int.
Jared Espamer	9-7	0	0
Matt Robertson	4-9	1	0
Terry Bilbro	3-7	0.5	0
Ryan Jones	3-5	0	0
T.J. Kaatman	2-5	0	0
Chris Termini	4-1	0	0
Myles Burnside	4-1	0	0
Brandon Clayton	4-1	0	0
Sean Paddock	3-2	0	0
Ike Urum-Eke	2-2	0	0
Chris LeFlore	2-1	0	1
Dallas Flynn	2-1	0	0
Tray Mathews	2-1	0	0
Caleb Leiferman	1-2	0.5	0
Cerril Hane	1-1	0	0
Xavier Omon	1-0	0	0
Josh Mathews	1-0	0	0
Clint Moore	1-0	0	0
Evan Wilmes	0-1	0	0
Dustin Conrad	0-1	0	0

SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS SOCCER

Rogers, Talmadge lead way in conference win

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville soccer team put itself into the conference championship race with a bounce-back win over the Platte County Pirates.

The Spoofhounds got revenge after losing to the Pirates on Saturday in the form of a 4-1 victory Tuesday.

"We really didn't want to lose on our home field," forward Jon Rogers said. "They play on turf and we had a letdown on Saturday for the first three minutes."

Rogers showed no signs of the ankle injury he suffered last week that may have slowed him in Saturday's loss at Platte County.

He finished Tuesday with two goals and a pair of assists.

"It really didn't hurt until it got kicked by a defender, but it felt fine again in a couple minutes," he said after the game.

Klay Talmadge also scored twice

and assisted Rogers on both of his goals.

"We did really good at doing what we needed to do as a team," Talmadge said.

Stiff defense and a solid game by goalie John Seipel helped deflate the Platte County players, who were held without a goal until late in the game.

"It takes a very strong mental team not to get demoralized under those circumstances," Maryville coach Stuart Collins said.

"There were a lot of excuses to why we didn't play well on Saturday. Some people were hurt, and some went to Platte County for the football game Saturday night," Collins said. "Today our guys came out to prove something, and I think they did."

The Hounds are now in a three-way race for the conference crown along with Smithville and Platte County. They host Smithville at 5 p.m. Tuesday.



SENIOR KLAY TALMADGE fights for the ball during Maryville's 4-1 win over Platte County, Tuesday. Talmadge and junior Jon Rogers contributed two goals a piece.

MHS VOLLEYBALL

Game point proves to be turning point during conference defeat

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

With a 26-25 lead in game one, the Maryville High School volleyball team looked as if they would grab the Cats' first game.

However, after a back-and-forth game point, Savannah tied the score at 26 before defeating the Spoofhounds 29-27.

Savannah notched a 25-20 game two victory, securing the match.

Maryville coach Lori Klaus said despite the team's resiliency, Savannah was able to capitalize on the unforced errors.

"Really, this game shows that you need to fight for every point," Klaus said. "The team fought hard. We are two evenly matched teams, so you can't give up any point."

The Hounds grabbed game one's biggest lead with a 6-2 advantage. However, Savannah rattled off four consecutive points, tying the game for the first time. Game one featured 13 ties.

"There was no lack of effort, some points just didn't go our way," Klaus said.

Savannah took advantage of Maryville early in game two. The Savages bolted to a 5-2 lead, which culminated in a 10-5 advantage before Klaus took a timeout.

"It's pretty tough to come back after a game like that," sophomore Jordan Stens said. "We need to have a better attitude when we come out. We have to make sure to stay positive."

Maryville battled back and cut the deficit to 15-14, but that was as close as they would



MARYVILLE'S JAYME Mattson attempts a spike during Tuesday's contest against Savannah. The Hounds lost a back-and-forth first game, then fell 25-20 in game two.

come. Savannah outscored them 9-6 en route to the victory.

"We didn't come out as strong as I had hoped," Klaus said. "We never gave up though and mounted a good comeback."

The Hounds dropped to 15-10-1 on the season, as they host Chillicothe at 5 p.m. today.

MHS GOLF

Eying the state tourney

By Erica Shanks
Missourian Reporter

Maryville High School freshman Shannon McCoellan hadn't picked up a club before this season, and now is heading to state.

McCoellan shot a 101 at the Class 1 District 5 golf tournament on Oct. 3, qualifying for the state golf meet Oct. 15 and 16 at the Fremont Hills Country Club in Springfield.

"To qualify for state and never had swung a golf club was amazing," coach Brenda Ricks said. "Makes you wonder how many golfers are out there that have never played golf."

She won't be alone as senior Kalin Miles qualified with a 98. Miles finished

84th at last year's state tournament. In the MEC meet Tuesday, the Spoofhounds placed fifth out of eight teams.

Freshman Amy Ven de Ven led the team, tallying a 98.

"I was just trying to concentrate and have fun because it was very tense," Ven de Ven said.

McCoellan and Miles didn't feel they played to their ability. McCoellan shot a 118 while Miles shot a 119.

Ricks didn't feel like the team as a whole pulled together during the match on Tuesday.

"It was a gorgeous day and I was pretty happy with the results, but when things start going south, it's hard to get it going back the other way," Ricks said.

MHS CROSS COUNTRY

Personal records set at Kearney

By Jared Clarke
Missourian Reporter

Two Spoofhound cross country runners ran personal best times for the year as they competed Saturday at the Kearney Invitational.

Alex Thomson took 30th place out of a field of 123 runners with a time of 18:45, while Seth Staehelm took 48th place with a time of 19:04.

Both juniors, Thomson and Staehelm recorded personal records for the year. As a first-year competitor in cross country, it was an all-time personal best for Staehelm.

"Alex and Seth ran well," coach Phil Stone said. "I am not disappointed with their performances because the meet is very competitive and there are 4A schools competing."

The Hounds team was a little short

over the weekend, with only two boys and two girls competing, because of a couple of runners out with injuries.

"Ashley Blanchard had a back injury and the doctor kept her out for the weekend, but she is back in practice this week," Stone said. "Josh Elliot was injured with a hip flexor, but he is back this week also."

In the girls' race, Shelby Jones placed 32nd out of 91 runners, with a time of 22:48, which tied her best time of the year.

Senior Shayna Wasil took 79th place with a time of 28:01, five seconds better than her time at Lafayette.

Wasil credited her improvement to Stone's coaching.

"I really like how coach Stone runs with us during practice," Wasil said. "Other coaches just tell you to go to a workout and report back to them."

The course at Kearney is relatively flat

with two decent sized hills, one about a half mile before the finish and one at the finish, Stone said.

"I think this course is the one that the kids really look forward to trying to PR (notch a personal record time), and for the most part those who ran did," coach Stone said.

Maryville has two more meets before it competes in the conference meet at Platte County. How much they improve their times in the next two meets will be critical in their success at conference.

"We are taking off some good chunks of time," Stone said. "We are taking off about 15 seconds every meet, which means that they will peak at the right time, which is at districts."

The Hounds travel to Iowa today to run at Mt. Ayr High School. It will give Maryville an idea of how it stacks up against competition outside of the MEC.

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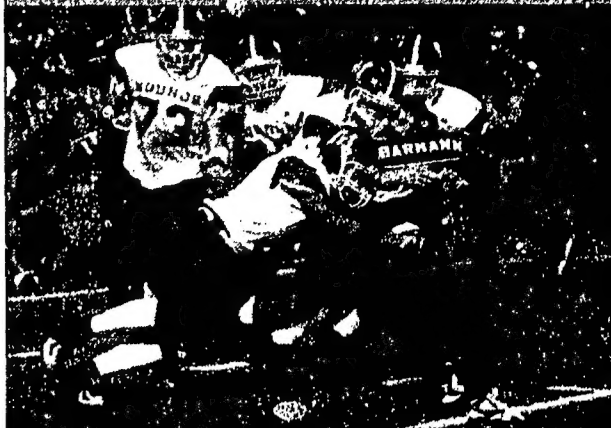


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TEAM STATISTICS

Spoofhounds	Pirates
15	16
205	147
192	107
11-98	3-27
0	0

PLAYER STATISTICS



Please, don't let me down this weekend

What a difference a field goal makes.

Think about it. How much would our conversations, our campus and other aspects of life be different if that oval-shaped, slab of pigskin would have split the uprights?

Most likely the town of Maryville would be in an uproar threatening to boycott every Northwest game and shift its entire weekend's focus on the Spoofhounds. Although highly unlikely, there may be one excuse for Northwest losing one game, but two during one season is just out of the question. The notion of Northwest losing more than one game is mere blasphemy.



Scott Levine
Sports Editor

While we're playing the "What-if?" game (a pastime for most sports journalists), what if Northwest doesn't make the needed one yard on the two fourth downs in overtime? Personally, I felt it was the right call in both situations, but you know the egotistical blowhard, sitting next to you would have placed blame on the entire coaching staff had Northwest not converted one of those fourth downs.

However, the naysayers were quiet as the 'Cats completed a remarkable victory capped by Xavier Omon's leap. So now that all is right in the world, we can go back to cruise control mode where we enjoy 70-point blow-

outs of teams en route to Alabama.

On second thought, let's rethink that stance. This is an open plea to every Northwest coach, player and fan. Saturday's game against Central Missouri is the epitome of a let down. You better be ready for another gridiron battle.

Take a look at Kansas State. Granted, it was a rivalry game, but the Wildcats had just come off a big win and were not ready to come back with a win. This happens all the time in college football.

Fans can be one of the most important aspects in trying to avoid a let down. Playing in front of 20,000, drunk, screaming, out of control fans is one thing, but coming back home in front of 7,000, is another.

That difference of fan support has an impact on the game, and could lead

to a loss of emotion, especially if fans have the attitude of "let's see what they traveled all the way to Kansas City last week."

The fan involvement brings the energy level either up or down, and the players feed off that emotion. How do you think Northwest was able to stop Pittsburg State and then convert two fourth down plays in overtime? It was pure emotion being fed to them by the contingent of Northwest fans.

Hopefully this open letter has given at least the fans a glimpse into what has to be done Saturday. Please don't let me come back next week, bragging about how much I warned everyone about a let down.

Please prove me wrong, because as all my colleagues know, I hate when I'm right.

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Friday

■ Boston College at Notre Dame, 4 p.m. ESPN Classic — As an impressionable 7-year-old, I was helping my father pick college football games for an office pool. I told him to take the three touchdown underdog Eagles. He didn't, and Boston College upset No. 1 Notre Dame. Watching this classic again will only remind me of my crowning achievement.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■ Louisville at Cincinnati, 6 p.m. ESPN2 — Will Louisville ever stop anyone? Time in to this one to see if they can.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ Houston at Jacksonville, noon CBS — Can Jacksonville keep the ball away from Matt Schaub long enough to win?

Days rating (4 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Friday

■ Savannah at Maryville, 7 p.m. Hound Pound — The Spoofhounds will be facing the worst team in the MEC in a tune-up for Lawson.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■ Illinois at Iowa, 11 a.m. ESPN 2 — The tide has changed a little in the Big Ten, but watch Iowa play up to their level of competitor.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ New Orleans at Seattle, 7:15 p.m. NBC — It's Sunday night what else do you have to do?

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Friday

■ Rockies at Diamondbacks, 9 p.m. TBS — This Colorado run is unbelievable. How can you not root for these guys? This has to be killing the Cubs, who haven't won a series since 1908 to see two teams who haven't had their 15-year anniversaries battling for a slot in the fall classic.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■ No. 11 Missouri at No. 6 Oklahoma, 5:30 p.m. FSN — Mizzou will have some serious momentum but has a tradition of choking in big games. If this Tiger squad is for real, expect a close win, if not, the usual big-game collapse.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

■ New England at Dallas, 3:15 p.m. CBS — Game of the year so far. Romo, who threw 5 picks and fumbled, manages to beat Buffalo. I really hope Brady puts him in his place this weekend.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks

Friday

■ Cleveland at Boston, 6 p.m. FOX — The team that wins this series wins the World Series. Game 1 of the American League Championship series pits Josh Beckett against C.C. Sabathia.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Saturday

■ No. 1 LSU at No. 17 Kentucky, 2:30 p.m. CBS — It's the only compelling game on the schedule since TV executives believe Missouri-Oklahoma shouldn't be on network TV.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■ Washington at Green Bay, Noon CBS — Two surprising teams duke it out. The NFC is weak this year.

Days rating (3 of 5)

POWER RANKINGS

MIAA

Team

1. Northwest	4-1	Facing toughest defense of the season at home
2. Washburn	4-2	Held off pesky Missouri Southern team
3. Pittsburg State	4-2	Pitt State gave Northwest the fight of its life
4. Central Missouri	4-2	Must beat Northwest to prove its worth in MIAA
5. Missouri Western	4-2	Griffins can rest their minds as they host SBU
6. Missouri Southern	4-2	Lions will handle free-falling Fort Hays State
7. Truman State	4-2	Facing Pitt State team that had Northwest beat
8. Fort Hays State	3-3	Losing streak swells to three after Southern game
9. Emporia State	3-3	Recent begins for offensively-challenged Hornets
10. Southwest Baptist	0-6	That independent schedule can't arrive fast enough

Results Last Week

1. Northwest beat Pitt State	37-34
2. Washburn beat Missouri Southern	26-20
3. Pitt State lost to Northwest	34-37
4. Central Missouri beat Emporia	38-7
5. Missouri Western beat Fort Hays	37-9
6. Missouri Southern lost to Washburn	20-26
7. Truman State beat Baptist	55-31
8. Fort Hays lost to Missouri Western	9-37
9. Emporia State lost to Central Missouri	7-38
10. Baptist lost to Truman	31-55



MEC

Team

1. Maryville	6-0	Last week's shocking upset likely secured the title
2. Platte County	5-1	Must regroup after getting controlled by Class 2 team
3. Cameron	2-4	Better than record indicates, gave Maryville toughest game
4. Chillicothe	3-3	No longer third best after losing to Smithville
5. Lafayette	2-3	Upstart Irish likely to give someone trouble in districts
6. Smithville	3-3	Notched season's biggest win against Hornets
7. Benton	1-4	First win came over Savages, but a win nonetheless
8. Savannah	1-5	Likely running clock victim at Hound Pound this week

Result last week

1. Maryville beat Platte County	27-14
2. Platte County lost to Maryville	14-27
3. Cameron beat Lafayette	27-14
4. Chillicothe lost to Smithville	6-9
5. Lafayette lost to Cameron	14-27
6. Smithville beat Chillicothe	9-6
7. Benton beat Savannah	28-6
8. Savannah lost to Benton	6-28



SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Scott's picks

Prediction Record (11-5)

NCAA Lock
Auburn at Arkansas — Arkansas Auburn isn't good enough for two road wins this season. Expect Darren McFadden to get back on the Heisman hot list.

NCAA Upset Alert

Indiana at Michigan St. — Indiana I thought Michigan St. only collapsed under John L. Smith. Wait a second...maybe not.

NFL Lock

St. Louis at Baltimore — Baltimore The Rams are terrible and there's no way they get even a TD against the Ravens.

NFL Upset Alert

Carolina at Arizona — Carolina David Carr vs. Kurt Warner in 2007. Consider it the match-up of the century.

Brett's picks

Prediction Record (6-10)

NCAA Lock
LSU at Kentucky — LSU Kentucky's free-falling as LSU wins big.

NCAA Upset Alert

Missouri at Oklahoma — Missouri Missouri is on a roll because of Chase Daniel and it continues in Norman.

NFL Lock

Cincinnati at Kansas City — Cincinnati The Bengals are coming off a bye week and Carson Palmer needs to get me some fantasy points.

NFL Upset Alert

New Orleans at Seattle — New Orleans The Saints have got to win sometime and what better time than against a team that got shut out last week.

Sam's picks

Prediction Record (6-10)

NCAA Lock
Louisville at Cincinnati — Cincy Cincy's win streak is for real. The Big East has new contenders emerging by the week.

NCAA Upset Alert

Illinois at Iowa — Iowa Screams upset. Illinois is doing too well right now and will be taken down a peg or two.

NFL Lock

Minnesota at Chicago — Chicago If the Bears do one thing well, it's stop the run, which is all the Vikings have. Conflict of interest as Tarvaris Jackson's my fantasy QB.

NFL Upset Alert

Washington at Green Bay — Washington Packers are slowly coming back to Earth.

Marc's picks

Prediction Record (7-9)

NCAA Lock
Furduke at Michigan — Michigan Louisville at Cincinnati — Cincy Cincy's win streak is for real. The Big East has new contenders emerging by the week.

NCAA Upset Alert

Georgia Tech at Miami — Georgia Tech I'm hoping Miami will play as bad as they're capable of playing.

NFL Lock

Philadelphia at NY Jets — Philadelphia I need McNabb to outsmart Manginius so I can catch Scott.

NFL Upset Alert

Tennessee at Tampa Bay — Tenn I've been down on Vince Young since he came into the league. Now, I need him.

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1. Grand Valley State	14. Abilene Christian
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3. North Alabama	16. Midwestern State
4. Chadron State	17. Tuskegee (Ala.)
5. Valdosta State	18. Shepard (W. Va.)
6. Nebraska-Omaha	19. Wingate (N.C.)
7. Carson-Newman	20. Virginia Union
8. Delta State	21. (tie) Mesa State
9. Northwest Missouri	21. (tie) Central Washington
10. West Texas A&M	23. Pittsburg State
11. California (Pa.)	24. Indiana (Pa.)
12. Catawba (N.C.)	25. Tiffin (Ohio)
13. Tarleton State	
(Texas)	

Poll released Oct. 9

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL RANKINGS

1. Chadron State (6-0)
2. West Texas (6-0)
3. Northwest (4-1)
4. Mesa State (6-0)
5. Midwestern State (5-1)
6. Tarleton State (6-0)
7. Washburn (4-2)
8. Abilene Christian (5-1)
9. Missouri Western (4-2)
10. Pittsburg State (4-2)
11. Central Missouri (4-2)
12. Missouri Southern (4-2)

Top six teams advance to playoffs

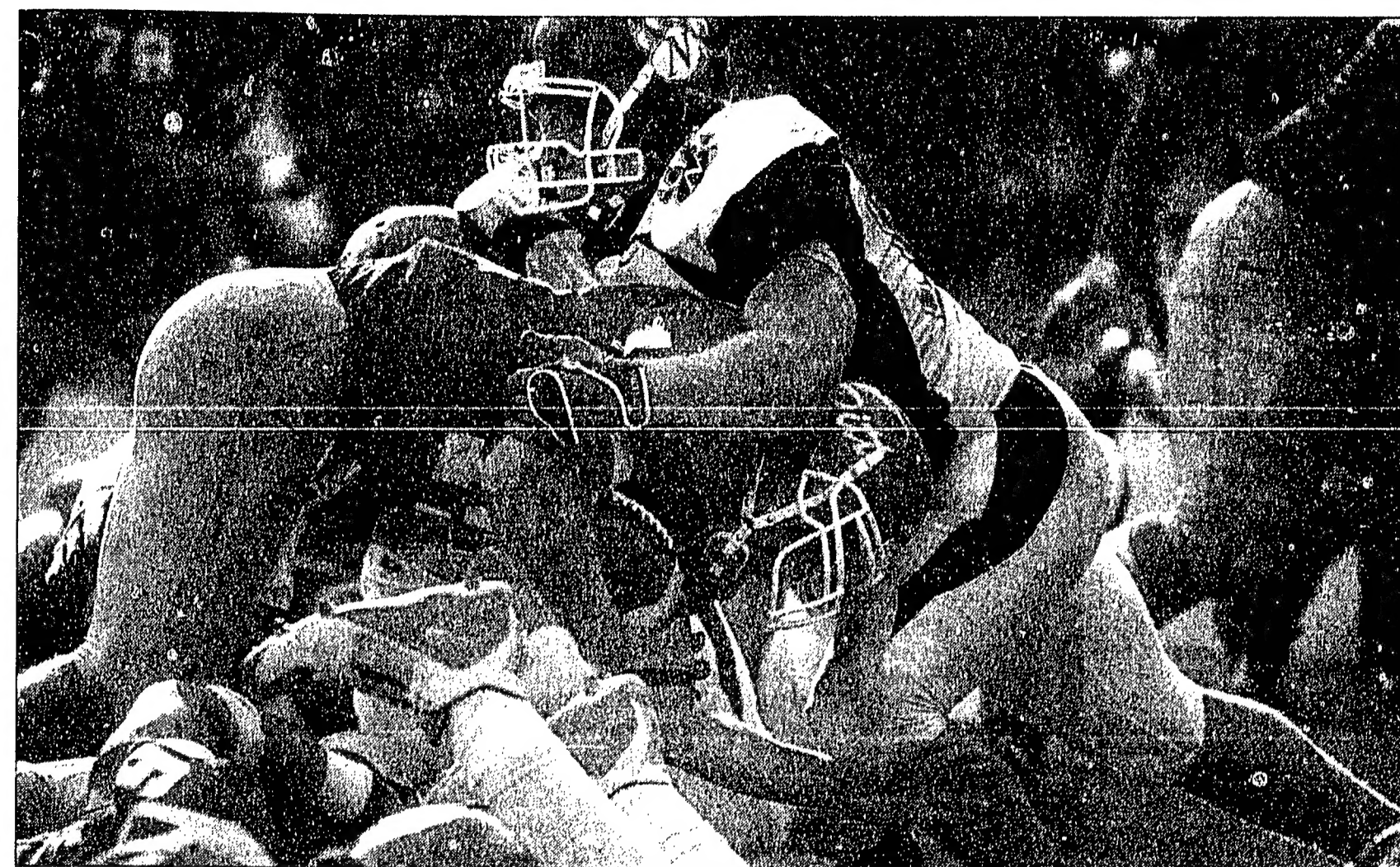
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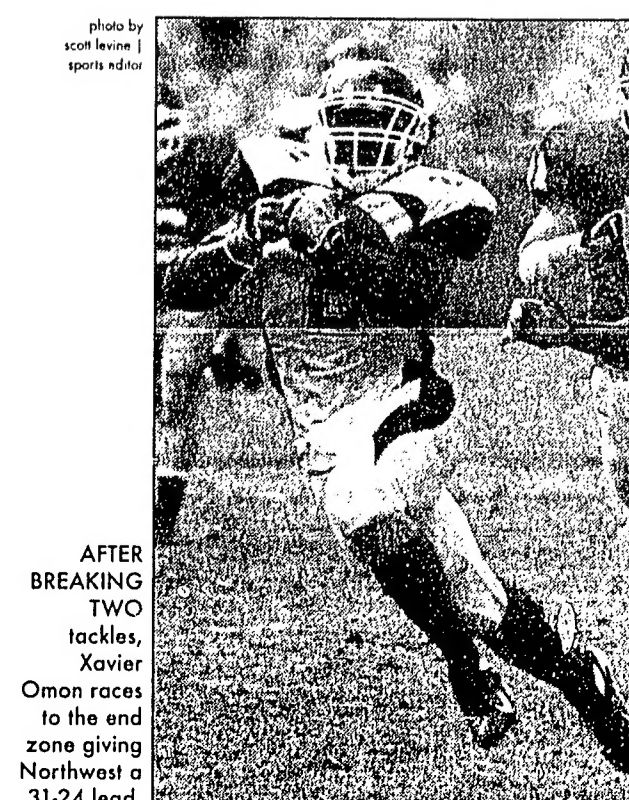
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FALL CLASSIC VI AT ARROWHEAD



NORTHWEST DEFENSIVE LINEMAN Sean Paddock wraps up Pittsburg State quarterback Mark Smith. Paddock finished with five total tackles as the Bearcat defense allowed 272 yards rushing.



AFTER BREAKING TWO tackles, Xavier Omon races to the end zone giving Northwest a 31-24 lead.



MATT NELSON (LEFT), Tom Pestock (center) and Sean Paddock celebrate after Xavier Omon's leaping touchdown on fourth down gave Northwest a 37-34 victory.



MORE THAN 19,000 fans packed into Arrowhead stadium to watch Fall Classic VI featuring Northwest vs. Pittsburg State. The fans were treated to the first overtime game in Classic history.

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Royalty Voting will take place from October 15-19.

Sunday, October 21	Banner Competition	noon	Student Union
Monday, October 22	Canned Art Competition Homecoming Archives Display Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation	10 a.m.	Student Union Library
Tuesday, October 23	Homecoming Archives Display Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation		Library
Wednesday, October 24	Homecoming comedian Homecoming Archives Display Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation	7 p.m.	Performing Arts Center Library
Thursday, October 25	International Buffet Variety Show Royalty Crowning Homecoming Archives Display Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation	5 p.m. 7 p.m. 9 p.m.	Student Union Performing Arts Center
Friday, October 26	Belt Ringing Walkout Day Celebration Alumni Golf Outing Flag Raising Ceremony Hall of Fame Banquet Variety Show Homecoming Archives Display Penny Wars for Make-a-Wish Foundation	8 a.m. noon noon 2 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Belt of 48 Belt Tower Moyzings Golf Course International Plaza Student Union Performing Arts Center Library
Saturday, October 27	Alumni Open House Garage Hudson & Perini Open House Bearcat Zone Football Game Homecoming Archives Display	8 a.m. 9 a.m. 11 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Alumni House College Park Bearcat Stadium Library
Sunday, October 28	Awards Presentation Homecoming Archives Display	1 p.m.	Bearcat Stadium Library

All events subject to change or cancellation
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RANKINGS: Mule tacklers pose threat

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first in rush defense (56.8) at the time, gave up 272 yards on the ground. Running back Caleb Farabi rushed for 156 yards, while quarterback Mark Smith added 105 yards.

"We found out quite a bit about ourselves on Saturday," linebacker Jared Espenser said, who had 16 tackles, earning him MIAA Defensive Player of the Week. "We made the plays we needed to, but we need to adjust better in game situations. We just got to keep plugging away and getting better."

Tjeerdsma blames poor pregame preparations for Northwest's trouble with Pittsburg State.

"That really wasn't our kids' fault," Tjeerdsma said. "We just weren't as prepared as we should've been. We hadn't seen much option and Pitt hadn't run much option entering that game. That's one of those things where you can say 'I guess they got us.'"

"I think overall, against the run, we're pretty solid. I'm sure they'll (Central) challenge. We need to run him downhill. It'll be a different type of run this week."

Central's leading rusher, Glenn Milner, averages 115.7 yards per

game and has 12 touchdowns this season. Milner transferred to Central after playing at Eastern Arizona Community College.

"He's a big boy," linebacker Matt Robertson said of the 220-pound Milner. "He definitely runs hard and we have to get after him and contain him."

Statistically, Central is the toughest defense Northwest will see to this point. The Mules rank No. 2 in rush defense (78.3), scoring defense (18.8) and total defense (303.5). Free safety Kendall Ricketts leads the team in tackles with 53 and had 20 against Pittsburg State. Adrian Singletary leads the line-backing corps with 48 tackles and had 16 tackles in the same game.

"They've got a little bit of everything," Tjeerdsma said. "We're going to have to play well on offense to be productive."

Omon is showing no signs of slowing down with 13 touchdowns in his last three games, while averaging 148.4 yards per game.

Tjeerdsma said Josh Mathews and Joel Osborn will continue to split time at quarterback, despite saying after Saturday's game that Osborn has "better command in the huddle."

Both quarterbacks were ineffective, combining for 140 yards.

Mathews had an interception and fumbled in a game where Tjeerdsma said Mathews "didn't look his usual self."

"He and I talked about it and he felt the same way," Tjeerdsma said. "He couldn't put his finger on it. For some reason, he wasn't comfortable in there and it showed. Hopefully, he'll have a good week of practice."

Fullback LaRon Council is doubtful for Saturday's game as he continues to nurse an injury on the same right leg he broke last year, coincidentally against Central. Tjeerdsma said Council had his cast removed Tuesday.

"If he's pain free, they'll leave it off. If he's got pain, they'll put it back on for another week," Tjeerdsma said. "But I doubt he'll be ready to go."

The Bearcats can solidify their hold on the MIAA with a win against Central with Washburn, No. 7 in the region, the final formidable opponent remaining in the conference.

Robertson isn't quite looking ahead at the schedule.

"No way," Robertson said. "You think about that, but you really don't. We just take it one game at a time and do what we have to do."

KILL: Standout transfer finds new home

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sisters' shadows and make a name for herself, winning three state championships in a row during her sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Accolades and recruiters came rolling in. Despite playing at a class 1A school, Alicia was named the Iowa High School Gatorade Player of the Year twice, and received attention from recruiters as early as her sophomore year.

"I guess it all became real when we'd be at the club tournaments, in the nationals, and you'd see all these college scouts there," Alicia said. "That's when it kind of became real when it hit them they might be watching me."

After a remarkable high school career, Alicia faced a decision. Unhappy Hawkeye

Alicia ended her high school with three state titles, numerous awards and a number of scholarship offers from Division I and Division II schools.

She chose the University of Iowa because of its proximity to Tripoli, and the challenge it posed, Kehe said.

At her coach's request, Alicia graduated a semester early, at age 17, to participate in spring practice. "I graduated high school Jan. 12 and started there the 17th," Alicia said. "Tripoli, Iowa to the University of Iowa is completely different, and then to do it in five days is a little bit crazy."

The experience was at times overwhelming, but also fun, Alicia

said. The head start also gave her a chance to learn the college volleyball game quickly and make a contribution in the fall.

Alicia played in all but one of the Hawkeyes' matches in 2006. She tallied 98 kills and 147 digs, which ranked sixth and fifth on the team, respectively.

But something was wrong. "I just got to a point where I wasn't enjoying volleyball anymore," Alicia said. "I loved my teammates, so that wasn't it. It was just the overall atmosphere it was just making me not enjoy volleyball anymore. That's when I knew there was a problem because I know I love to play."

Playing at Iowa, though a great opportunity, wasn't the right fit, Alicia said. That uncomfortable fit in addition to an unrelenting schedule and differences with the coaching staff caused Alicia to consider transferring.

After making the decision to transfer, Alicia was left with the task of telling her teammates.

"The hardest part of leaving was sitting in the locker room and telling my teammates that I was leaving," Alicia said. "I was trying so hard not to cry."

"Looking over at my teammates that I played volleyball with since I was 14 and telling them that I was leaving them, that sucked because they were in tears."

Alicia shed tears of her own over leaving her teammates behind, but through her sister Carrie, who played volleyball at Northwest, she found a new home.

A New Beginning
A rebuilding movement awaited Alicia when she picked Northwest over other Division I schools like Butler University and the University of South Florida and Division II schools like Washburn.

She arrived in the spring of 2007 to once again begin practicing early with a new team.

"I got along really well with all of them," Alicia said of her new teammates, including Paige Spangenberg, the team's libero and Alicia's roommate.

One aspect that Alicia is enjoying is Northwest's family atmosphere, something that was a little lacking at Iowa, she said.

Alicia's high-comfort level and competitive nature have translated to big numbers so far. She leads the team in kills with 377, aces with 63 and is second in digs to Spangenberg with 294.

"I think she has huge potential to be one of the statistical leaders coming out of Northwest," Northwest coach Anna Tool said.

Tool was also a big part in Alicia's decision to come to Northwest.

"I respect her so much," Alicia said. "I think she knows what she's doing, and she understands what her players are feeling and what's going on with her players."

Because of Tool and a new atmosphere, Alicia has landed in a comfortable surrounding and regained her love for volleyball.

"Have I ever regretted my decision to leave Iowa?" Johnson said with a smile. "Never."

GOAL: Eight starters return next year

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Freshman Mataya Wooten, who batted third and led the team in RBIs, while finishing with three home runs, tripled and scored the winning run against Lafayette.

Taylor Gadois doubled home two runs to beat Cameron, while her older sister scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning against North Platte. Molly Stiens, Jordan Wallace

and Dru Coleman also drove home game-winning runs.

Next season, the 'Hounds figure to be even better as they return their ace and lose only one starter (Jordan Gadois).

Corn believes the girls will have extra motivation when they step on the field in 2008 after seeing their goal of winning districts snatched away from them.

"We didn't quite reach the goals

that we set at the beginning of the year and I know they're disappointed by that," she said. "But then I know that will be fuel for them coming back next year. That's a little bit. I hate to say unfinished business because it's just such a cliché, but they know that they still have some things that they can do, and there's more that they can accomplish. They know how this feels and they probably won't ever want to feel that again."

AT YOUR LEISURE

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

Oct. 15-21, 2007

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Complicated social invitations should this week be carefully explored before taking risks. Long-term friends are not usually possessive of your time, attention and energy. Group events may provide misleading information or inappropriate romantic overtures. Remain cautious and ask for clear decisions. This week may be asked to offer financial support to a trusted relative. Remain cautious: vital facts and figures will soon arrive.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

Romantic passions are now highly seductive and unavoidable. Over the next few days, expect new friends and potential lovers to openly vie for your attention. For many Taurus, new relationships will be quickly established. Stay focused, however: unexpected social triangles and mild family disagreements may soon trigger lingering doubts. Tuesday through Saturday, colleagues and business officials may be unusually moody. Don't confront: private power struggles are averted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Last-minute work assignments, although annoying, are now potentially lucrative. Avas affected are research contracts, official paperwork or written proposals. After Tuesday, ask bosses and managers for specific instructions concerning legal regulations. Procedures and deadlines will soon prove invaluable. Don't neglect small facts. Thursday through Saturday, a close friend or relative may need extra private time for rest or relaxation. Remain sensitive to their needs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

For many Cancerians, the business interests of a close relative are now changing. Early this week, watch for a loved one to present unusual career ideas or opt for sudden job revisions. Financial opportunity and newfound confidence may be a driving influence. Provide encouragement but also advocate careful planning. Research, dates and time permissions may soon be vital. After mid-week, romantic overtures are gently seductive: accept all invitations and wait for obvious signals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Several weeks of political disagreement on the work scene will now fade. Before mid-week, expect previously doubtful colleagues to accept fast improvements or controversial ideas. Allow key officials to resolve all disputes and public outbursts. This is not the right time to voice strong opinions or act as team mediator. Go slow. Friday through Sunday accept important emotional breakthroughs with family members. Past regrets and broken promises may be key-stay alert.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Close friends may be sensitive and introspective over the next few days. Don't, however, be deterred. At present, friends and relatives may require extra time to make complex lifestyle choices or address private family disagreements. Provide support and wait for a new attitude of social inclusion to arrive. Calm reactions will soon take precedence. After Thursday, a new financial or business option will demand a fast decision. Stay open: partnerships are now highly favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

House rules, revised invitations and family plans may be a key concern over the next eight days. Younger relatives now need extra time to adjust to new expectations. Provide little advice: if possible, others may wish to set their own pace or pursue solitary goals. Later this week, a surprising romantic invitation may offer delightful moments of distraction. For many Libras, a new relationship will soon create an unexpected social drama. Take your time: much is changing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Power struggles between colleagues and controversial business decisions may now be quickly reversed. Over the next few days, expect recently bickering co-workers to become friendly or affectionate. Reserve judgment. This is not the right time to discuss behavioral changes or expect reliable explanations. Stay focused and wait for lasting change. After Friday, watch for a trusted roommate, close friend or relative to issue a rare social ultimatum. Remain detached.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Money decisions are best avoided over the next few days. At present, family purchases or long-term payment plans will not be easily completed. Ask loved ones for added financial advice. A candid examination of group needs may help resolve ongoing disputes. After Thursday, a controversial social invitation may usher in several weeks of complex social politics, minor triangles and bold romantic discussions. Enjoy new leisure activities: distraction will prove helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Workplace debate will, this week, reveal unexpected social information. Past alliances, changing loyalties or favoritism may be on the agenda. Avoid an obvious reaction: at present, older officials and new managers may be highly sensitive to public criticism. Group decisions will soon establish improved rules and reliable methods: stay balanced. Later this week, some Capricorns may experience the return of an old friend or lover. If so, expect new drama: tensions will be high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Romantic partners or long-term friends are this week easily irritated by family interference. Differences of opinion or deeply held beliefs may be a strong theme. Encourage a philosophical approach to interpersonal problems: over the next eight days, loved ones may find it difficult to accept fresh concepts or embrace new plans. Trust your first impressions. After Wednesday, business and financial help will steadily rise. Ask officials for extra consideration: you won't be disappointed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Housing documents, property contracts and financial agreements will now require detailed revisions. Carefully examine the past work of officials or managers. Unexpected errors may soon prove costly. Tuesday through Friday, accept powerful dreams and vivid memories. Take time for reflection and rest: profound social and romantic insights are now available. Later this week, ask a distant or isolated friend to participate in group activities. Your sensitivity will be acknowledged.

STROLLER

Your Man wonders, who's Bobby's master?

Asinine.

That's how I'd sum up the athletic department's decision to do away with the Bobby Bearcat logo.

Why would they even consider getting rid of the one thing that has represented our school on thousands of billboards and T-shirts?

Sure, Bobby is a fun mascot, but what's the point of being a mascot if you can't show it off?

Bobby is the man, the myth and the legend on this campus, not to yours truly of course, and for the athletic department to eliminate him is just stupid.

I came here to be a Bearcat, not to be some paw.

Why is the athletic department doing this? Bobby Bearcat is the mascot of Northwest Missouri State University, not solely Northwest athletics.

Since when does the athletics department run this school?

Phasing out the Bobby Bearcat logo is almost as nutty as the Chiefs phasing out their esteemed "KC" logo on an arrowhead.

If the athletic department wants to use the paw as their symbol and not promote a cartoon Bobby Bearcat that's fine, they can do that. But for them to rob the entire University of this treasured logo is wrong, just wrong.

When the governor comes to Maryville, Bobby Bearcat doesn't shake his hand to represent athletics. Bobby doesn't show up to St. Joseph, Mo., in a suit to open a new University center on behalf of athletics and he certainly doesn't march in the homecoming parade to represent athletics.

He is at all these functions because he is the University's mascot and he is there as our character, not as a character of the football team, baseball team and every other sport that we have.

I must say it was nice seeing everyone who

came out to support Bobby at Arrowhead Stadium last weekend, but more has to be done.

Say something to your student senator, join and create Facebook groups, leave comments on the Web site for the newspaper that publishes the creative works of yours truly.

It can be done, it is possible. However, the elimination of Bobby Bearcat doesn't stop at his logo.

The pins each freshman receives at the freshman convocation were switched from the classic Bobby Bearcat pin to the athletic paw.

I don't want a paw, for all this University may know I may not even care about athletics and I'm sure there are other students that aren't hyped up about it either.

At the student senate meeting, a representative of the Rodeo Club was interrupted as she was talking about the T-shirts the group wanted to use with a, "very inappropriate" because it features Bobby lassoing a football player and the words, "Football isn't the only sport at Northwest."

I say, very clever. But more, when did Northwest students lose the right to speak at our own senate meetings?

Well from another perspective, what was done was inappropriate. From that meeting, it was obvious that student opinion doesn't affect the phasing out of our logo. A logo that once represented many faculty members during their time as a student at this school.

Why should we settle for a pin that represents one aspect of the University, as opposed to something that represents the entire institution I chose to attend.

"Once a paw, always a paw," doesn't really have the same ring as "once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat."

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

MOVIE REVIEW

Staffer left heartbroken

By Katelyn Ronning
Missourian Reporter

"The Heartbreak Kid" is full of heartbreak. Not exactly in the plot, but definitely for any audience that paid for an over-priced ticket to see this remake of the 1972 original.

"The Heartbreak Kid" is a comedy starring Ben Stiller about a man who rushes into a marriage and then falls in love on his honeymoon with someone other than his wife. The movie is full of grotesque humor that tries, but fails, to make up for the lack of chemistry the movie has with the audience.

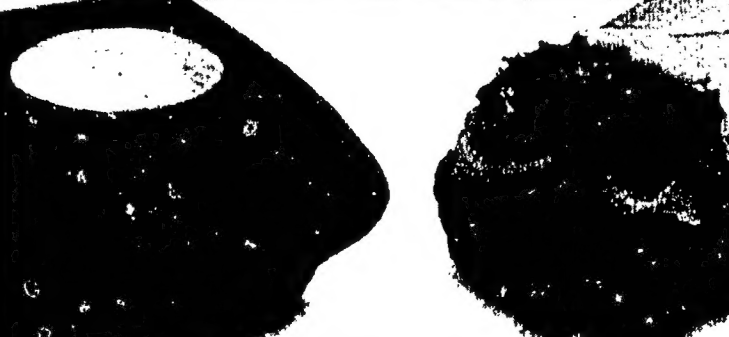
Eddie (Stiller) is a 40-year-old bachelor who is often pressured by his horny senior citizen father (Jerry Stiller) to either "crush some pussy" or get married. After seeing his fiancé get married, he meets a woman named Lila (Malin Akerman from "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle") and a few weeks later he marries her. On the honeymoon in Cabo, Eddie and Lila's marriage begins to unravel into something neither of them expected it to be. Shocker. After all of the skeletons in her closet are leaked, Lila gets a massive sunburn and remains in the hotel room for the remainder of the trip. Eddie meets a woman named Miranda (Michelle Monaghan from "Mission: Impossible III"), someone very similar to Eddie who is there with her extended family. He chooses not to tell anyone he's married, let alone on his honeymoon. He and Miranda have so much karma and he decides he wants to break off his marriage. Everything eventually blew up in Eddie's face and he gets a slap from Miranda and an annulment from Lila. Blah, blah, blah. He's so sad and after a while Miranda finds him and they decide to start things all over again.

The characters were unfortunate, so the actors were weak. All of this piled together formed a movie that was advertised well, but proved to be a laughless comedy.

The plot of "The Heartbreak Kid" was really predictable. Someone could easily not have seen the movie and guess what happens and be pretty close. Because of this, the script didn't have much room to be phenomenal and it was really dry, but full of jokes that were obviously intended to knock the audience out of their seats.

They definitely did not. Overall I would rate "The Heartbreak Kid" two out of five stars. The only reason for this is the simple fact that the scenery in the movie was fabulous. Everything else on its own wouldn't be so lucky for a score like that. Useless humor and bad acting could really break an audience's heart and it really isn't worth it.

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1 Boob tubes

4 Foundations

9 Conspire

14 Squealer

15 Hoop of Dickens

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17 Glob or mod ending

18 Divine Comedy poet

19 Open sore

20 Nights before

22 out (archaic)

24 Austrian range

25 Monica of tennis

27 Fiery pits

29 Miller Sebastian

31 Arizona city

33 Layer beneath call membrane

38 Actress Davis

40 Campbell

41 Blackthorns

43 Manchester

44 Olympic medals

46 Vocal

48 Broad pigment

50 Brewed drink

51 Young union

55 Goldman and Lazarus

59 Tub toy

60 Short-lived Ford

62 Chop

63 Follow afterward

65 Roof overhangs

67 Man's title

68 Doorway

69 Talent broker

70 Debtor's chit

71 Observe again

72 Salchichón

73 Yachting trophy

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1 Makes flush

2 Trumpet part

3 Harden

4 Daily flavor

5 Saudi man

6 Biblical mount

7 Like some kitchens

8 Bookcase level

9 Buckeye's sch.

10 Gymnastic joists

11 Fences and walls, e.g.

12 Hurries

13 Listening devices

21 Habit

23 Harden

24 Concussion

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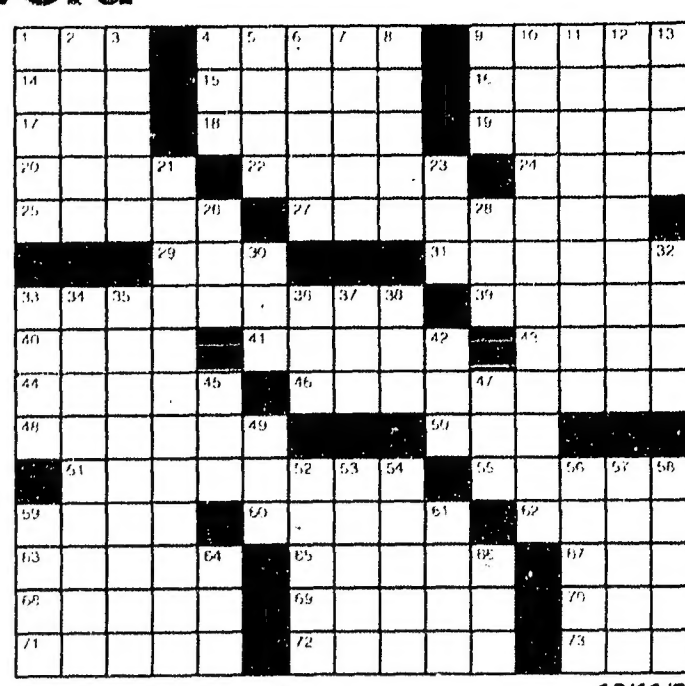
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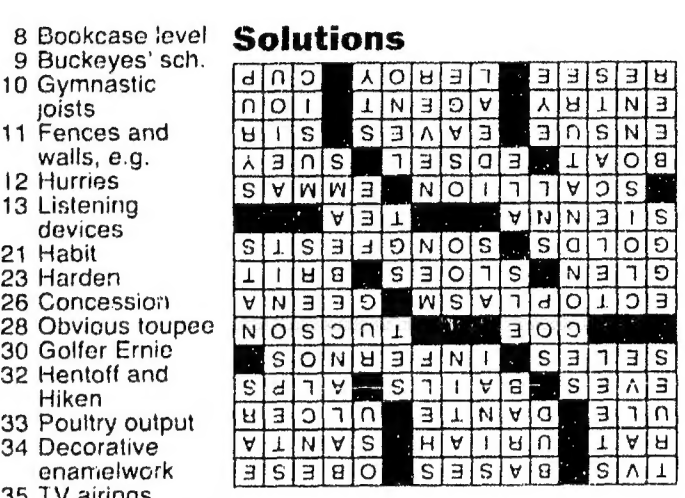
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GOING GREEN

Winds of change blowing to a more environmentally conscious Northwest

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The winds of change are coming, propelled by a 14,771 pound blade that rests atop a tower 260 feet in the air.

Pushed the direction of Maryville by the wind turbines of Cow Branch Wind Energy Center, the winds are coming.

The winds that tell us to go green. "Every part of your daily activities has an impact on the environment," said Shay Flanagan, vice president of the Northwest Environmental Organization. "It's being environmentally conscious, it builds character. It gives you a sense of responsibility to community. It's being aware of the effects on the environment you make."

Flanagan, a Northwest senior, has made it a lifestyle. His off campus apartment uses fluorescent lights rather than incandescent, he recycles everything he can and tries to use as little energy as possible. Decreasing energy usage is easy, yet helpful, Flanagan said — as easy as unplugging a laptop while sleeping.

But recycling and energy efficiency aren't the only ways to be green. Alternate energy sources also play a role in living an environmentally friendly lifestyle. Just outside of Rock Port, Mo.,

24 wind turbines stand tall guarding the fields below them. Altogether, the turbines will provide energy to 30,000 homes, according to the Wind Capital group Web site. WCG sponsors the Cow Branch Wind Energy Center out of Rock Port.

At Northwest, the green lifestyle is catching on fast. NEO has held its first meeting and started to make plans for the year. One of the first plans they plan to implement is a deal with Hy-Vee promoting recyclable bags. Hy-Vee will offer a discount for those using canvas bags, Flanagan said.

Other ideas NEO hopes to see through include getting recyclable containers in the Union, starting a residential recycling collection committee and helping with the phasing out of incandescent light bulbs in the residential halls.

"I can't think of a department that can't affect the environment whether it be education, teaching children, or science of course," Flanagan said.

NEO and Flanagan both believe in the power of Northwest students to change things for the better. He was surprised, that an environmental organization didn't already exist, Flanagan said.

"I think it has to start with the students," Flanagan said.

What is wind energy?

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Wind energy is produced using wind turbines that capture energy created by the blowing wind. Spinning wind turbine blades connect to an electric generator, which in turn produces electricity.

How does wind energy work?

Wind turbines capture the wind's energy with two or three propeller-like blades, which are mounted on a rotor, to generate electricity. The turbines sit high atop towers, taking advantage of the stronger and less turbulent wind at 100 feet (30 meters) or more aboveground. The blades spin when the wind blows over them. The energy of motion contained in the wind is then converted into electricity as the spinning turbine blades turn a generator. To create enough electricity for a town or city, several wind turbine towers need to be placed together in groups or rows to create a "wind farm."

What is wind energy used for?

Wind energy uses the energy in the wind for practical purposes like generating electricity, charging batteries, pumping water or grinding grain. Large, modern wind turbines operate together in wind farms to produce electricity for utilities. Small turbines are used by homeowners and remote villages to help meet energy needs.

What are the advantages of wind energy?

Wind energy is considered a green power technology because it has only minor impacts on the environment. Wind energy plants produce no air pollutants or greenhouse gases. Wind is a renewable resource.

However, any means of energy production impacts the environment in some way, and wind energy is no different.

Since the early 1980s, wind turbines have been steadily increasing their electrical output while also decreasing their costs. The average large-scale wind turbine now generates 1.5 MW of electricity, enough to power over 450 homes for one year.

Wind power costs were often higher than 30 cents per kilowatt-hour in the early 1980s, but today they are often less than 5 cents per kilowatt-hour. As a result of these advances, wind energy is one of the fastest growing and most widely used renewable energy sources.

Where is wind energy used?

Wind turbines are used around the world for many applications. The wind is the fuel source for wind energy. The United States has many areas with abundant winds, particularly in the Midwest and Great Plains. Wind turbine use ranges from homeowners with single turbines to large wind farms with hundreds of turbines providing electricity to the power grid.

Who discovered wind energy?

Since early recorded history, people have been harnessing the energy of the wind. Wind energy propelled boats along the Nile River as early as 5000 B.C. By 200 B.C., simple windmills in China were pumping water, while vertical-axis windmills with woven reed sails were grinding grain in Persia and the Middle East. Read more at http://eeerweb.ee.doe.gov/windandhydro/wind_history.html or <http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/renew.htm#wind>

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Ten Things Students can do to be Green

Keep in mind many of these save you money and improve your health.



1. **Walk or bike.** Give your car a break every once in a while.

2. **If you live in a residence hall:** Designate someone to collect your floor's recyclables and take it to the proper place. People will catch on. Who wouldn't want to give you their trash?

3. **Turn off lights and appliances** when you're not using them. Example: Unplug your laptop while you're sleeping.

4. **Carpool to the store or home for the weekends.**

5. **Eat one or more meals a week without meat.** 70% of our agricultural land is devoted to raising livestock, and these animals create 130 times as much waste as humans do! So eating less meat helps prevent further deforestation

and protects aquatic and forest ecosystems.

6. **Use reusable grocery bags** such as canvas. And get a discount at Hy-Vee.

7. **Reusing water** is even better than recycling. Reusing toilet water makes the most sense. Come in, flush, and reuse the water for both toilet and shower.

8. **When you buy your next car,** go for fuel efficiency. For every 100 mpg, you will waste more money in the future.

9. **Don't use a clothes iron** unless you really need to. Hang clothes to dry.

10. **Don't use a microwave** unless you really need to. Cook food on the stove.